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BIRTH

SAKIN.—On March 17, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to ANNA, wife of A. G. Sakin, a daughter. -4627

DEATH

NECHAEFF.—On March 16, 1940, at Hongkong, GEORGE B. NECHAEFF. The Requiem Mass will take place at the Russian St. Nicolas Church, Rue Corneille, today, at 5.30 p.m. -4633

FUNERAL SERVICE

LOGAN.—On February 23, 1940, at the Kowloon Hospital, Hongkong, MINNIE LOGAN, widow of the late James H. Logan, Shanghai, at the age of 55 years. Interment of the cremated remains will take place at the Pahsienjao Cemetery, today, Tuesday, March 19, at 4 p.m. No flowers by request but donations may be sent to the Mission to Seamen. 11464

CARDS

M. et Mme. BASSET and FAMILY wish to extend their sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the donations to charity, beautiful floral tributes and letters of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement and regret that owing to their imminent departure they are unable to answer each one personally. -4613

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To-day's Events

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19 A.W.C. Book review, 4.30
19 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
19 For. Y. Lecture: Prof. J. A. Ely, 'Factors in Engineering Progress'
19 Massachusetts State founded (1628)
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Coming Events

MARCH

20 B.W.A. Easter Toy Sale, 9 a.m.
20 Finger Prints by G. F. Mant, Esq. at 114 Peking Rd. 5.30 p.m.
21 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
21 For. Y. Debate: 'Discovery of America and Fall of Rome'
23 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 3
23 B.W.A. Easter Party, 4
23 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
24 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
25 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 3
26 A.W.C. Bridge and mahjongg, 3
26 Cathedral School for Boys Gymkhana. Ascot Riding School, 2.30
26 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 5.30
26 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
27 M.C.L. Bridge and mahjongg, Charter House, 156 Edinburgh Road, 3.
27 China Bible House, ann. mtg., 5
27 Gala performance 'Music & Laughter' by the International Committee for Polish War Victims, Lyceum, 9
27 'Purim Ball', French Club, 9.30
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
28 B.W.A. Bridge and mahjongg tea, 3
28 R.A.S. Lecture and Exhibition
28 K.D.S. annual meeting at headquarters. Tea 4.30, business 5.30
28 O. Manjelei and B. Seroff's gala performance: 'The Fairy of Carnival,' Kalman's Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45
29 A.W.C. Three one-act plays, 9
29 Masonic Charity Ball, 9.30
30 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 3
30 "Fairy of the Carnival," Lyceum, 8.45
30 Amateur Dramatic Players, Supper Dance and Entertainment, A.W.C., 9
31 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 2.15
31 'Fairy of the Carnival,' Lyceum, 8.45
31 Brith Hahayal Women's Auxiliary Group Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30

APRIL

2 Cathedral School Old Boys' Association, Annual Dinner, Rowing Club, 8.30
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
4 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide,' by Tcherepnin and 'Scheherazade', by Rimsky-Korsakow, Lyceum, 9
6 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 9
7 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 2.15 and 9
10 Municipal Election
10 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Supper Dance
10 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 Limbless Jumble Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
11 Municipal Election
11 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
12 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 S.L.H.A. Dinner Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30

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"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The offices of the company will be closed on Friday, March 22. There will be no issue of the "North-China Daily News" on Saturday, March 23, but the paper will appear as usual (with Magazine) on Sunday, March 24.

The offices of the company will be open from 9 a.m. till noon on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24 as usual, and from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. on Monday, March 25.

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In the event of the said Certificate not being recovered on or before April 19, 1940 a new certificate will be issued in lieu thereof.

TURNER, STURROCK & BROWN,
Secretaries.
Shanghai, March 18, 1940.
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The Summer 1940 issues of the Foreign and Chinese Telephone Directories will go to press on MARCH 26, 1940, and no additions or alterations can be accepted after that date.

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Meteorological Reports	Mar. 17 16.00	Mar. 17 21.00	Mar. 18 4.00	Mar. 18 9.00
Barometer inches	30.32	30.36	30.30	30.34
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.04	+0.08	0.00	—0.02
at 32 F. („ „ 12 hrs.)	+0.02	0.00	—0.02	—0.02
Wind (direction)	N	NNE	N/E	NE
„ (miles per hour)	11.2	8.1	2.5	6.2
Temperature (Fahr.)	43.°9	40.°1	35.°1	41.°0
Humidity %	45	59	79	61
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	9	10	8	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report March 17	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.33	+0.08	30.17
Temp. Min. 36.°3 Max. 48.°6	42.°4	—0.°3	46.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	7.63	—	6.15

Time and Tide	19/3	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.59	5.58	5.57	5.56	5.54	5.53	5.52
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.04	18.05	18.05	18.06	18.06	18.07	18.08
Moon rises at Shanghai	13.11	14.15	15.22	16.30	17.28	18.47	19.55
Moon sets at Shanghai	2.07	2.57	3.43	4.28	5.12	5.55	6.40
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	5.26	7.05	8.25	9.30	10.24	11.00	11.42
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	11.45	13.04	13.40	14.22	15.10	15.54	16.40
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Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	*20.00	7.15
Foochow via Santuao	*20.00	7.30
Aust. N.Z. and Straits	8.15	9.00
Hongkong and Canton	8.30	9.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	8.30	9.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon and India A	18.00	19.00
Hongkong and Canton	18.30	19.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
WEDNESDAY, March 20.		
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	*20.00	7.30
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	20.00	8.00
Amoy and Hongkong	*20.00	8.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai x	9.30	10.00
Hongkong and Haiphong x	9.30	10.00
Japan H'lulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific BX	10.00	12.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	11.30	12.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
U.S.A. Central America and Canal Zone CZ	—	—
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THURSDAY, March 21.		
Ninghsien etc via Chinhai	*20.00	8.00
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* The night before.
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B Parcel mail for Honolulu and U.S.A., closes at 12.00 on 19th.
C Parcel mail for Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 20th.
D Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 20th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
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Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service pre steamer on March 21, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on April 3.

Pan American Airways Service per steamer on March 19, at 6 p.m. for registered and at 7 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on March 30.

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Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia close on every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. for registered and on every Tuesday and Friday at 8 a.m. for ordinary and are despatched per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—
Yesterday Min. 35.0 Max. 47.0
Same date, 1939 Min. 40.0 Max. 61.5
Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—
Yesterday Min. 31.5 Max. 53.1
Same date, 1939 Min. 34.7 Max. 62.2

State on the morning of the 17th:—High and steady pressure over China: low and unsteady over Japan. Fresh north-westerly to north-easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine to cloudy and cold weather.

State on the morning of the 18th:—Cloudy and cold weather. North-easterly wind. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cold weather with north-westerly to north-easterly winds around Shantung. Cloudy getting variable and milder with mist and north-easterly to south-easterly winds over our regions and the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

Post Office Notices Continued

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Mar. 20, due London April 31.
Per steamer via Pacific, Mar. 21, due London April 31.
Per steamer via Suez, on Mar. 23, due London April 26.

Salvation Army Appeal

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Seamen's Mission

A Mistake Corrected

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—For many years past the Missions to Seamen institution in Shanghai has afforded welcome and a temporary home for all seafarers visiting the port. At all times the Chaplain, the Rev. F. W. Weaver, and Mrs. Weaver, have worked assiduously in directing a Mission where seamen of all nationalities could enjoy recreational and social facilities, and always feel "at home."

In spite of the many difficulties and obstacles inevitable in such an undertaking, the Chaplain and his wife have, by their kind hospitality and unfailing enthusiasm for their work, created just the right atmosphere in their Mission, thereby earning the lasting gratitude of both the Royal and Merchant Navies.

Therefore it was with astonishment and deeply felt regret that we learnt that the Mission was about to close down. As members of the seafaring community and *ipso facto* a party closely concerned, we naturally wish to know the cause of this.

Apparently there was some talk of the Mission being likely to become a financial embarrassment and it was further submitted that the numbers of seamen attending the Mission did not justify its existence. Whoever originated these ideas obviously cannot have any idea of what the Mission is and does.

The meeting at which these questions arose was not a public one, nor were the decisions reached ever made known to all interested.

We want to know why this was not so, as it seems to us that the people of Shanghai, who have helped so much in the past and who have expressed a willingness to go on doing so, have a right to know all about it.

In these unsettled times, the Missions to Seamen are all the more essential. It would be more than a pity to see the finest of them close down just when it can do the most good. We can only hope that those in authority will see their way clear to laying the whole matter before the Shanghai public, who, we feel sure, will take an active interest in it, and who will, if they have known the Mission and its work before, never allow this to happen.

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Shanghai, Mar. 13.

***The Missions to Seamen are definitely not closing down but are merely vacating the quarters at 17 Canton Road and will in the future operate from the Church House of the Cathedral. The small number of seamen making use of the mission quarters in the past few months does not justify the maintenance of the premises in Canton Road and accordingly the mission will in the future be located at the Church House. There is, however, absolutely no question of the mission closing.—ED.

Easter:

And the Jewish Passover

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In the "Easter Supplement" of your esteemed journal of today there is an article called "The Strange Romance of our Movable Eastertide" with a sub-caption 'Nisan our April' in which there are two paragraphs which require some adjustment, the two paragraphs being as follows: "The Jewish Passover corresponds to the Christian Easter" and 'The Passover is observed on the fourteenth day of the month of Nisan, but this year, being Leap Year, on the fifteenth."

Now with regards to the first statement I would point out that the observance of Easter by the Christian Church in its present sense began after the Council of Nicaea some 325 years of the Common Era, whereas the Jewish Passover was instituted in Egypt by Moses the Lawgiver some 1647 years B. C. This being the fact, Passover could not be instituted to correspond to Easter, which came into being some 2,000 years later. Rather would I say that the Easter was instituted to correspond to the Passover. It is furthermore supported by the fact that the words "Paschal Lamb" takes its origin from the latin "Pascha" and greek πασχα both of which are derived from the Aramaeic "Pischa" and Hebrew "Pesach" and it is a well-known historical fact that the early Christians were observing Jewish Festivals, including Passover, although in a new spirit and with other conceptions, and it took some three centuries of bitter controversies and disputes among the various Church dignitaries until it was settled in Alexandria. It should also be noted that whereas the Hebrew "Pesach" means "jumping over" has nothing in common with the conception of the "Paschal Lamb" although it was derived from the word "Pesach."

The Jewish Passover is always observed on the fifteenth of Nisan and not on the fourteenth, whether is is a leap year or not (vide Lev. xxiii. 4). The observance of the Passover Festival, like all Jewish Festivals and Sabbath days, commences at sunset of the previous day, i.e., at Sunset of the fourteenth of Nisan, but this does not mean that Passover is observed on the fourteenth of Nisan. There is, however, the so-called "Second Passover"—a minor Festival—which is observed on the fourteenth day of Iyar, i.e., just one month after Passover (Vide Num. ix. 11).

J. L. FRIEND.

Shanghai, Mar. 17.

Bridge Barrier:

Plea for Removal

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I, through the medium of your esteemed newspaper, put a pertinent question to the P.W.D. or the Police Department, whichever is responsible for the placing of barriers, whether it is absolutely necessary for the barbed wire barriers now placed on the footpaths on the South side of Honan Road Bridge to remain there. During the rush hours they are the cause of pedestrians having to step off onto the road to get by.

I would like to suggest that they are moved out of the way, and the red lights which now adorn them at night could be better used if they were hung on the barrier recently placed across North Soochow Road by Kiangse Road Bridge.

There must be quite a few motorists who are not aware of the fact that a barrier exists at this place, and one of these dark nights an accident could very easily occur there.

SAFETY FIRST.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

British Claims:

What is Being Done?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to the report in your today's issue of the claims of U.S. citizens arising out of the present hostilities, it would interest a large number of British subjects to know what progress is being made in respect of their claims. I have heard casually of a few Point Island property owners being approached by the Japanese authorities with a view of a settlement, but beyond this nothing is known of any action other than that taken by the Consular authorities in presenting the claims to the right quarters in Tokyo.

Could any of your readers kindly supply any further information?

BABOOSHKA.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

S.M.C. Compradore:

Misunderstanding Removed

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Why does the S.M.C., a municipality, still retain a compradore, paying him, besides a good sum of salary, 2 per cent. commission? The S.M.C. does not need him to canvass business for it, nor need him to pay expenses out of his own pocket. His staff are all paid by the Council. Working simply as a cashier, why should he be given commission which ought to have been cut long ago in face of the present financial condition of the Council?

YU-HSIN-NUNG.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

***The Municipal compradore, who is the guarantor of all the shroffs employed by the Municipal Council, and the collector of "native" orders and Chinese cheques made out in favour of the Council, does not receive a commission but is on a salary plus a nominal allowance. His functions obviate the employment of a Municipal cashier.—ED.

Municipal Lottery:

The Only Alternatives

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I am one of those hardened criminals who has been buying sweeps, lotteries, and hard-up stakes.

I have not robbed my employers, but rather feel that they are robbing me by allowing me only 50 per cent. H.C.L.

If we do not buy an S.M.C. lottery our money will go to help the Irish Hospital and Philippine Sanatorium.

If the S.M.C. are so squeamish about it perhaps the French Council will adopt the scheme, and with it, adopt the Orchestra as well.

P. B. PUBLICO.

Shanghai, Mar. 17.

Quotations:

Their Source Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I would appreciate very much if you or your readers would give me the name of the poem a portion of which I submit below:

Alone with mocking trees near by
That bent to wintry lullaby
He walked, exhausted, heart in pain,
He searched for cottage, man—in vain...

and another portion of the poem.

Then we will sail the seven seas
We will see France and ancient Greece,
A country famous for its arts,
Its sculpture, structure and its bards....

Who is the author of these lines?

L. C. YANG.

Shanghai, Mar. 17.

Local Girls:

What About Technique?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Once again we dash to page 2 of your valuable paper to study the latest efforts in connection with the "Local Girl" complex.

It appears on the surface as if a few of the composers on this subject are rather mercenary-minded! What about technique? And somewhere or other I seem to have heard something about "being an old man's darling sooner than a young man's slave"

TIME MARCHES ON.

Shanghai, Mar. 17.

Rats in Walls:

A Remedy Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—For the last few nights I have been made sleepless by the noise of rats inside the walls. Could some kind readers of your paper offer some suggestions as to how to get rid of them? I should be eternally grateful.

SUFFERER.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

A "CHINESE Soldiers Comfort Group" comprising overseas Chinese from Malaya, and headed by Mr. Tan Kah-kee, is expected to arrive in Chungking soon via Rangoon, Burma, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao." The Chinese Government authorities and the alumni associations of the Chip Bee and Amoy universities, of which Mr. Tan is the founder, are making preparations for the reception of the group, the report states.

BY SAPAJOU

The Rising Balkan Sea

Orchestra Concert On Sunday

Mr. Avshalomoff Conducts First Performance of His First Symphony

Mr. A. Avshalomoff, local composer, conducted the first performance of his First Symphony on Sunday. He received the most enthusiastic and intelligent support of the orchestra, which was on the top of its form in this colourful work.

Mr. Avshalomoff has written a symphony of imposing dimensions, which unmistakably conveys the inherent qualities which we have now come to recognize as the substance of his musical thought. Laying aside all considerations of the means utilized by him in the fashioning and voicing of the particular idiom of his art, and the ends themselves, it is beyond question that his conceptions are high-minded, and his designs ardently sincere.

Semi-tonal Pentatone

As in the case of his other works, in the symphony Mr. Avshalomoff continues to provide as a motivation for, and a foundation of his composition, a scale in the nature of a semi-tonal pentatone. This determines the basis of the mood and largely, of the texture of the entire work. In the two slow movements, this influence appears to have been less active, contributing greatly to their superiority.

The pentatonic scale, a device of some antiquity, is one of five notes, the sixth forming the octave. It possesses, therefore, only 5/12ths of the tonal resources of the scale universally in use today, and upon which most music is based. Moreover, the ear is inclined only to recognize and sanction a homophonic existence for this scale, probably by virtue of long association with the usages of the Orient.

The plan employed by Mr. Avshalomoff is principally to combine a relatively rigid pentatonic formula, with a highly organized and less stable and tolerant chromatic order; and it is more than probable that the limitations imposed by the restricted scale are responsible for the main criticism which may be applied to the symphony. With the exception of the two slow movements (which stand apart), Mr. Avshalomoff's work voices a certain reiteration and absence of contrast, which is certainly not due to any inherent lack of musical inventiveness, or shortcomings in technical skill on his part, but rather to the unfruitful properties of the scale he has elected to work with.

Interesting and Beautiful

There is much that is interesting and beautiful in his music, but it is doubtful if he will ever satisfactorily wed an Eastern mode and outlook, to a presentation thereof which utilizes purely Western symphonic means. Emotionally, he scores in a manner unknown to the East, and it is doubtful whether there exists sufficient scope within the limits imposed by an Oriental idiom, such as the pentatonic scale, to warrant fusion with the essentially Western polyphonic structure which forms the modern orchestra, and which it is designed to express.

Let there be no mistake, however: Mr. Avshalomoff has written fine music, as for instance, in the grave beauty of the two slow movements. It is, indeed, in all these sections of his compositions (witness the second movements of both the piano and violin concertos) that he seems to have produced his finest music.

That is the burden of it all. It is in these movements that Mr. Avshalomoff succeeds in throwing off the shackles of the conventionally rectangular and sprightly treatment of his Oriental themes, allowing his fancy to roam as it will. It has been consistently observed that the composer becomes more himself, musically, in his *adagios* and *andantes;* and for no other reason than that he seems to rely less on the Oriental motive, and more on the dictates of his urgent and liberated imagination.

Bach and de Falla

The remaining works on the programme contained much enjoyable music. Bach's Fourth Suite in D was given its first performance here. The orchestra is to be complimented on the playing of the work, and Maestro Paci on the fact that the original orchestration was studiously observed, even down to the employment of the "Bach trumpet," which is a straight instrument, and not bent back in the usual manner. This is a sort of modern version of the Buzine of the Middle Ages, and was introduced specially to play Bach's high trumpet parts.

The limited period available after the interval was given over to the music of Manuel de Falla. Mme Elisabetta Ferrajolo sang a group of songs with orchestral accompaniment most charmingly, and the orchestra demonstrated once again its ability to give full expression to the subtle orchestral effects which de Falla manages to obtain with a handful of instruments, in his Suite "El Amor Brujo." It was a great pity that the time factor on Sunday apparently did not permit the playing of the most beautiful of all the numbers in this Suite, the "Magic Circle" and the "Fisherman's Story."—H.

Japan Embassy Official Appointed

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Mr. Takeso Shimoda had been appointed Third Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in China, the Foreign Office announced today.

Assignment of Mr. Shiro Haga to the first section of the Foreign Office was also announced.—Domei.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF MARCH 19, 1870

From Hankow:—A correspondent writes that Dr. Macartney manager of the Nanking arsenal, has lately visited Wuchang, at the request of the viceroy Li Hung-chang; and that the experiments made by him in gunnery and with rockets, in the latter's presence, have proved so satisfactory, and so pleased Li, that he has given directions for a very considerabe extension of the arsenal. It is evident from this, that Li's power is not confined to his own Government. We find him, here, controlling an arsenal in the capital of another viceroy. We understand that the new buildings will be commenced forthwith.

U.S. Navy Calls in Scientists

Secret Commission Given Carnegie Institute

Washington, Mar. 18.

The Carnegie Institute of Washington has been approached by the American Government for scientific advice in national defence measures of the most confidential nature, it is announced in the Washington press.

So secret is this work, it is added, that no general description of it would be lawful.

The head of the Carnegie Institute, Dr. V. Bush, sees America leading the world in science today. This, he says, is because the war has ended fundamental research in Europe.—Reuter.

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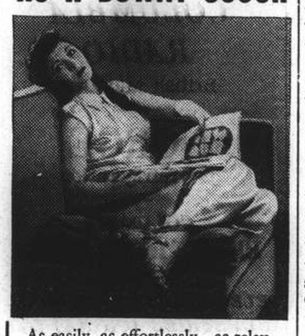

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Woman's Page

A LONDON LETTER

By Olive Dun

Feb. 26.

Women in war are causing a good deal of anxiety to the "unco guid." It begins with the 10 commandments for the hundreds of girls who are going to France as cooks, signallers, orderlies and what-not to the British Expeditionary Force and carries down to the farmers' wives in Buckinghamshire, who fear that the land girls—glamour girls in smart smocks and natty leggings—will steal their husbands.

The 10 commandments are rather amusing. Girls may wear make-up but not frills or flounces; they may walk out with soldiers and dine with them in public, but an officer of one service may not keep company with a private of the other; they may visit men's messes and canteens if invited, and return the compliment, but if one of them marries a man in the B.E.F. she must return to England. I like the rule that girls are expected to salute their own officers "and may be expected to salute male officers." How is this delicate question of permissibility to be settled?

As for the farmers' wives and the land girls, I don't know. The Mrs. Grundies are very active nowadays you may be sure. But the Bishop of Manchester, in a speech to a big Girls' Home last week, put them properly in their place. "Why should there be any more harm in a girl

Miss Wincia Tomaszewska, vice-president of the Polish Youth Association.

being kissed by a soldier than by a civilian?" he asked. "Nobody thinks anything of it when a boy and a girl keep company in ordinary life, but directly the boy puts on uniform they begin to imagine something wrong." And he rounded off his remarks with a touch of romance about love's young dream, not devoid of personal regrets for *les jours d'autans*. Which only shows how much commonsense you may find in a bishop.

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Male Antagonism

Meanwhile the women have complaints of their own. A deputation of them went to Captain Crookshank, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, last week to state their complaints. They were introduced by the formidable Lady Astor. But Captain Crookshank had guarded himself by having on his side Sir Horace Wilson, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, the big noise nowadays in the Civil Service, to whom all the Ministers run for protection.

The women's contention was that the Government only recruited them for junior jobs and do not put them in positions of responsibility however experienced they may be. It was stated that of 6,872 trained women, with professional or other qualifications, registered with the Women's Employment Federation, more than half are not employed or are employed below their capacity. And it was urged that the proper waging of the war required that women should be employed with the same regard to their capacity as men, and, incidentally, that the fact (if existent) of their being married must not be a bar.

Beyond the usual complimentary cooing noises which every deputation to a Minister can expect, Captain Crookshank did not commit himself. But as there are said to be 30,000 women in professional or managerial positions in Great Britain, not counting nurses and teachers, the Government has plenty of good material to draw upon if it wishes.

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Modest Chorus Girls

Not to be outdone by their intellectual sisters, the chorus girls of all the West End cabaret shows and revues are crying aloud against the scantiness of their pay and their dresses.

Mary had a little skirt
Diaphanous and airy,
It doesn't show a speck of dirt,
But oh, it does show Mary.

And the chorus girls don't like it. Whether the public really like it is a matter of some doubt. The managers like it, because the less you put on a girl the less the show costs. And the less has become very little indeed. Chorus girls in fact are generally respectable, hard-working girls, and one sympathizes with them.

In respect of pay the girls are demanding a minimum of £5 a week for 12 performances and £2 for rehearsals. Since with the latter included they are working most days, morning, afternoon, and till late at night, this does not seem excessive. Equity, the now powerful actors' union, has taken up their cause, though it shies at interfering in the matter of dresses. Well, if the girls can't get longer frocks, one hopes at least they may get longer purses.

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Women's International Night

The observation of business and professional women's "International Night" the evening before last, with over 300 women present, produced some very fine speeches. The first was by Mme de Gripenberg, wife of the Finnish Minister in London, who gave a vivid description of what women are doing and of general conditions in Finland. She wound up by showing a cheque for no less than £597 which she had received for the Finnish Red Cross that morning from the Birmingham factory workers. Both M. and Mme de Gripenberg are doing splendid work for their country in speaking and writing. One is glad to think that they meet with ready response.

One extraordinarily fine speech, delivered in perfect English, was by Mme Odette Keun, the well-known French journalist and author, who is now devoting herself entirely to working for closer sympathy and understanding between our point of view and the French. She warned her hearers against Pacifism and Communism, and the lack of perception, the unreal Utopian attitude of our Wellses and Shaws, and some other men of letters. Mme Maria Patkaniowska, of Warsaw, rubbed it in with some terrible stories of Poland. But one really has no patience with the intellectual imbeciles in this country who talk as if we only had to get rid of Hitler, and the whole German nation would immediately be purged of its age-long passion for robbery—which Tacitus, the Roman historian, singled out as their chief characteristic over 1,800 years ago.

The last speaker, Miss Helen Simpson, took us to task about our treatment of the "vackies," using as her text a letter she had had from a country friend, complaining bitterly of the women from the slums who had been billeted in her village. Miss Simpson accused the writer and others like her of a lack of the sense of responsibility, and said that we must fight "the dead weight of the comfortable." Theoretically, of course, we are all on Miss Simpson's side. But I wondered whether she had ever had any of the slum women and children parked on her. It is a shocking thing that they should exist. But there is not the faintest indication as yet that their conditions or behaviour are in any way improved by having them to live in our houses—in fact rather the reverse. Which is an entirely unregenerate and heartless thing to say, of course.

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Sharp-Tongued Doctor

A notable woman doctor, Dr. Sloan Chesser, passed away last week at the comparatively early age of 62. She was a small, very neatly dressed woman, with a soft voice and a knack of saying disproportionately sharp things. She invented the phrase "suburban neurosis" to express the condition into which too many women in the suburbs relapse through being left alone all day without any satisfying occupation. "There's really nothing the matter with them," said Dr. Sloan Chesser, "except boredom."

She held that woman biologically is the superior animal. "Many women," she said, "marry the men they choose and then spend their lives trying to turn them into the men they want them to be."

Of children she said that not one child in 25 ever tells its father or mother the truth. "If I am told that a child is a little angel, I wonder what is wrong with its health."

She thought that earlier marriage and easier divorce would mean far less suffering in the world—which,

Miss Kasia Mroz, committee member of Polish Youth Association.

if you think it out, is the morality of the farmyard—but, perversely enough, she also said that the ideal marrying ages are man 24, girl 22, "and they should have as many children as possible." What was to become of the children with her easy divorces she did not explain.

She herself had two sons, both doctors with the R.A.M.C., and a lucrative practice.

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Summer time has begun again. It is nice to have daylight to come home by in the evening, but hateful to have to get up in the dark just as mornings were becoming lighter. But what I most dislike is being done out of an hour's sleep the night we put the clocks on, even if it is made up to me when we put them back in the autumn. It makes me understand the people who complained that Walpole was doing them out of 13 days of life when he rectified the calendar.

"Fantasies"; Ninth Recital of Bateman-King School of Dancing

"By Candlelight," the opening number in "Fantasies," ninth recital by the Bateman-King School of Dancing to be given at the Lyceum Theatre on March 30 and 31, will be presented by the tiny tots of the School. Favourite characters of the children's world will come to life in this scene—Cinderella, Red Riding Hood, Bo Peep, Boy Blue, Peter Pan and many others—as Granny reads bedtime stories to the babies. Later on in the programme an original interpretation of Gounod's "Funeral March of a Marionette" will be portrayed, with Esther Magruda taking the leading role.

Many and interesting are the divertissements in this recital, and among the pupils who will take part in the display are Joy Blackwood and Sonia Roth, already well known to the Shanghai public.

Although dust-marks on valued old books can be removed with a soft eraser or crumbly stale bread, the marks left by dampness need to be sponged with water and alum. Between the moist pages insert sheets of clean, new blotting-paper during the drying.

B. W. A.

Monday, Mar. 18.—Badminton. Social Service Board 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 19.—Hospital Aid Department 9 to noon. Entertainment Committee Meeting 9.30.

Wednesday, Mar. 20.—Needlecraft Section Sale of Easter Toys at Headquarters. Red Cross Work 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 4.45 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 21.—Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon

Friday, Mar. 22.—Badminton. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon.

Saturday, Mar. 23.—Children's Easter Party 4 to 6 p.m.

The Needlecraft Section wish to remind everyone that they are holding a sale of Easter toys tomorrow (Wednesday). These include chocolate eggs in cups with delightful cosies, rabbits, chickens, ducks, etc., as well as sampans laden with Easter eggs. There also will be a raffle of a lovely Red Riding Hood doll with her basket filled with Easter eggs. Members and their friends are asked to come and see this display before choosing their presents.

The War Work Knitting Section remind members that no wool will be given out on Saturday, March 23. Please get all you require for the holidays on Wednesday, March 20.

The Badminton Section will play on Friday, but not on Saturday. They are holding a tournament on April 8. This will be the last tournament of the season. Please book early.

Those who have not booked their tables for the Bridge and Mahjongg Tea on March 28 are asked to do so as soon as possible. The funds are for improvements at Headquarters. Tables are $8 and may be booked at the office.

The Committee of the Home and Garden Section advise that the meeting for March 29 has been cancelled. The Committee only will meet at Mrs. Dumbarton's, Lane 222-A, 23 Hungjao Road, at 9.30 a.m. The Section are needing bottles and jars for their marmalade. These can be left at the office.

Members and friends of the Association who are planning to attend the children's Easter party on Saturday, March 23, are advised that all bookings must be made in advance. There will be no booking at the door. The Committee would be glad if reservations can be made before 5 p.m. on Thursday. In addition to the coloured talkies and cinema, there will be selections given by Mrs. H. Tobias on the musical saw which should prove an added attraction. Tea will be at 4 p.m. and there will be Easter eggs for the children.

Polish Residents In China

Polish Youth Association Officials; Association of Poles in China

At the recent meeting of the Polish Youth Association the annual election of officials and committee took place. Mr. K. Komarowski was re-elected president for the coming year, while Miss Wincia Tomaszewska was made vice-president and Mr. Olijnikowski was elected secretary. The committee are: Miss Kasia Mroz, Miss J. Lasinska, Messrs. Bonecki, S. Baryszhewski, Tabenski, and A. Sienkiewich.

Much credit is due to the committee for bringing about harmonious accord among all sections of Shanghai's Polish community as well as throughout China among similar associations. Direct contacts have been established for the promotion of the cultural welfare of all the associations concerned.

Realization of the desire for unity among all Poles in China, irrespective of sex or age, in one strong and healthy body was successfully accomplished in 1939, and at the beginning of 1940 the name of the Association of Polish Residents in Shanghai was changed to that of the Association of Poles in China. At the general meeting of the Polish colony in Shanghai, Dr. S. Tomaszewski was elected the first president of the new Association, the two vice-presidents being Mr. J. Chudzynski and Dr. Stainman. Seven members of committee were also elected.

"Music and Laughter" Announces Further Attractions

One-Act Noel Coward Play; Noted Singer Makes First Appearance in Shanghai

Mr. Francis G. Gmehling, in charge of the production of "Music and Laughter" which is scheduled to take place at the Lyceum Theatre on March 27 for the benefit of Polish war victims, announces that one of the numbers will be a one-act play by Noel Coward. The name of this play is "Rain before Seven" and it is under the direction of Mr. Gmehling. The principal roles will be played by Mrs. Cappy Holt and Mr. Donald MacAlister, both of whom are well known to Shanghai.

First Appearance in Shanghai

Of unusual interest is the fact that the well-known European basso, Mr. Phillipsborn, will make his initial appearance before a Shanghai audience, accompanied by Mrs. Lerman-Vitenson.

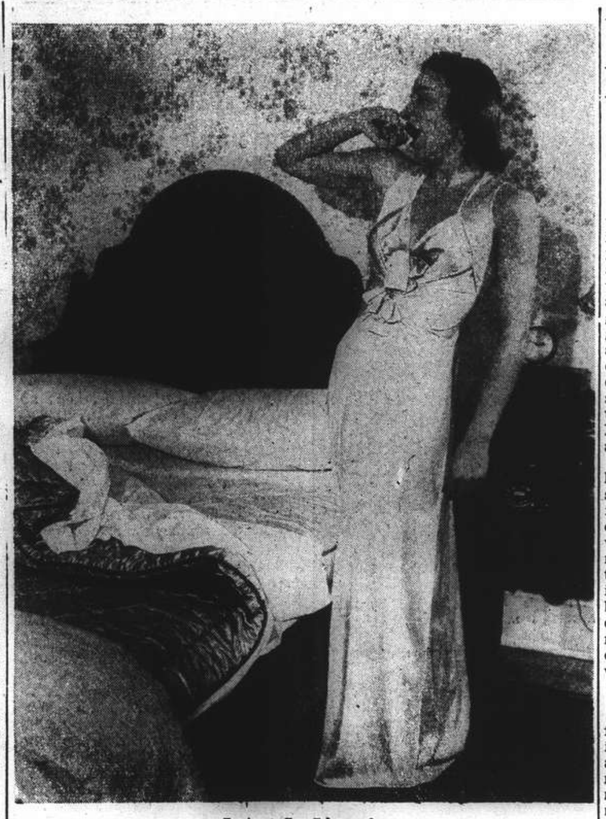
Because the show is on for one night only, it is advisable to book your parties at once, in order to get the seats you want.

This gala performance will be the climax of a series of events which the Polish community have arranged, in the effort to render tangible aid to their unfortunate countrymen. There is a time and a place for everything and so it's March 27 at the Lyceum Theatre for Mr. and Mrs. Shanghai!

A. W. C.

There will be a book review today at 4 p.m. by Mrs. R. J. Parsen, the books she has chosen being "Escape" by Ethel Vant and "Kitty" by Christopher Morley.

Members are also reminded of the three one-act plays which will be performed on March 29 at 9 p.m.



Latest In Lingerie

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Go Gay This Springtime with All The Colours of the Rainbow

Bright Colours Mean Bright Spirits; It Costs No More to be Gay than to be Drab

SPRING is here, or as near as no difference, and the home should be ready to meet it. We want colour, plenty of it, gay shades that will make the house a bright, cheerful place and raise the spirits of the family. It doesn't cost much to bring colour into the home. There are plenty of low-priced but lovely furnishing fabrics to be had.

There may be a room to redecorate. Choosing the colour scheme is fascinating, but not always easy. Members of the family probably have their favourite shades, but the aspect of the room should be considered first.

Yellow is the colour nearest to light, the most cheerful colour in the rainbow, and so creates a gay and pleasant impression in a room—especially one that faces north. But it should be a very pale tone of yellow for wallpaper or paint.

Clear shades of green are essentially spring-like, and would be perfect for curtains in this room—in that brocade which has a rich silk-like finish.

Curtains of inexpensive material if carefully measured and made, and well lined, will give a luxury look to your room.

Study in Contrasts

Pink, with a yellowish tinge, is a good third colour for this scheme, in lampshades, cushions, and the floral pattern of the mainly green carpet. If you like inner curtains of net or ninon, these would look charming in this pale pink shade.

A popular idea now is to have plain loose covers for settee and chairs, with brightly patterned cretonne cushions. Or you can reverse this contrast by choosing a patterned settee cover and plain cushions in matching or some different colour.

Apricot cushions on misty blue covers is one suggestion. A heavy cotton weave in cream and clear green, with indistinct pattern—giving almost plain effect—for covers, with floral cretonne cushions, is another. Large leaf patterns in two colours are featured on furnishing materials. Colour runs riot in the floral designs. So many different colours there are in the groups of mixed flowers that they would tone with almost any decorations already in a room.

Maybe it is your bedroom you are decorating. Off white with a faint tinge of pink in it for wall paint or paper would be cool and cheerful, and modern. Light cream for paint and ceiling in this bedroom.

Blue, favourite colour of so many women, is restful. It is the "distance" colour, reminding us of the sky and blue shadows on the hills, so it gives the effect of spaciousness.

For the curtains here choose a cretonne with blue leaf pattern background on which single carnations are scattered in shades from deep pink to pale rose.

You feel you must have flowers on the dining-table. Fresh ones are often rather costly. Flower effects can be provided by sets of table mats. Floral cretonne is cut so that the posy appears a little on one side. Then the mat is edged with bias binding.

A rose pattern was of yellow and pink flowers and the edging green. A marigold design in variegated natural colours would make a gay set of mats.

Lamp shades have a way of looking shabby in spring. Cretonne remnants make attractive new ones.

Flower Colours

Then frilling and fringe are fashionable. Rows of silk fringe are sewn round and round the shade foundation, each row overlapping the one below, till the whole shade is covered. Quite simple and so effective. A lovely one like this was in apricot silk fringe.

Don't you find there are more breakages in the crockery during winter? Here is a chance to bring in fresh colours. If you like plain colours, jade green is lovely, so is misty blue.

Then there is the fashion for white or cream grounds with one large posy of coloured flowers on plate or cup. Woodland china is attractive with its landscape of trees and glowing sun. Coloured glass for bowls and vases is more popular than ever—amber, green and blue. Place your glass so that the light shines through to get the full beauty of the colour.

For the Children

Now the children's rooms. Schoolboys like scarlet rugs and blankets. At table, if you have very young children, use a tablecloth of prettily coloured lancaster cloth. They will love it, and the cloth is so easily wiped clean.

Finally, a tip for spring cleaning time. Cupboards which are painted white are more cheerful places than dark ones. The cupboard is more quickly cleaned and it is easier to see the things kept there.

Wedding Colour Harmonies

Geranium-Red Tints for Bridesmaids — Gray, Yellow and Brown a Spring Alliance

If a bride has dreamed about a white satin gown since the day the first little boy said to her "I love you," she must have it. But there are girls who like to be different and wear a delicate tint. After all, they are not unlike their great-great-grandmothers, since white wedding gowns did not become the vogue until about the beginning of the nineteenth century. Pale misty blue is the colour most liked this spring. There is something heavenly about gowns of this shade, and when they are enveloped in a cloud of blue veiling they are celestial.

Experts in the planning of weddings have evolved delightful colour schemes. To them a wedding party is like a bouquet which must be carefully composed of the correct and well-blended colour ingredients. The most exciting of the new projects for the use of colour in weddings is the introduction of geranium red. The bride, wearing white, carries a bouquet of red geraniums; the bridesmaids, in gowns made of the same crêpe wear geranium red and have white bouquets.

Bride in Blue

The bride who prefers pale blue for herself has a wide choice when it comes to selecting the frocks of her attendants. She may like the bridesmaids to wear pink orchid to harmonize with her bouquet. Or she may prefer appleblossom shades, from pale-petal to deep pink, to set off the delicate tint of her attire. French blue—it is slightly darker than mist blue—when worn by the bride may be complemented by roseberry for the maid of honour and soft rose for the bridesmaids.

The girl who enjoys being original may approve of a pale champagne tint for her entire party, including herself. If she adopts this scheme, brilliance of colour can be introduced by means of bouquets of camellias.

The bride who has set her heart on wearing white will find that enchanting colour arrangements can be worked out for her party. The most talked-of among the new arrangements is gray, yellow and brown. The bridesmaids in pinkish gray may have accessories in brown and forsythia bouquets. In this case the matron of honour should wear brown and carry the same flowers. Foam-green and sherbert-pink frocks, accented with raspberry accessories, incorporate the very spirit of spring. To complete the picture, apple blossoms could be used for the floral decoration. More conventional, but none the less attractive, is the colour scheme, which includes ivory white for the bride and soft rose and blue for her attendants—the latter in the melting hues that French nineteenth-century portraitists liked. Romantic is the plan which provides for gown of purest white for bride and bridesmaids and one of petal pink for the matron of honour.

Some Salads: Apple And Beetroot

With vegetables and salads extremely scarce the housekeeper has to find some method of providing her family with the necessary vegetable food. Potato salads are a help in varying food, and beetroot is available. These are rather dull by themselves, and a mixture can be made which provides very good and palatable salads. Apples are plentiful and oranges obtainable. The former can be cut up into fairly small pieces and the latter divested of any skin. The two mixed together and treated with a French dressing of two tablespoonfuls of oil, one of vinegar, pepper, salt, and mustard make an excellent salad. Where beetroot is used small pieces of apple help to give it a tang, and celery, cut up into rings, also provides a good deal of snap. Lettuces grown under glass are coming in just now, and, while they are expensive, every leaf can be used. Economies can be made in lettuces where for instance, one is too little and two are too much by washing both and putting part of the second away in a damp cloth. It will keep perfectly till the next day. Cabbage can be used for salad; cut up rather finely it goes well with beetroot. Where it is a question of cutting up cabbage or apple it is a good plan to cut latitudinal lines round the apple, when peeled, and round the cabbage and then to shave round and down. This saves a good deal of chopping.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Football Season Closing

Two Cup Finals to Be Played During Easter Holidays; Special Charity Match Soon

MARKING the close of the 1939-40 football season, a heavy list of games will be played off during the Easter holidays. Outstanding in the fixtures are the two Cup finals—the International Cup final on Saturday between Portugal and China and the postponed Skottowe Cup final between Lido and Clube Lusitano on Easter Monday.

Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten has kindly consented to present the trophy to the winners of the International match and Mr. F. S. Bridges will hand the Skottowe Cup to the winners of the latter competition.

Portugal, present champions, entered the last round by defeating England with a sensational rally in the second half in which they scored three goals in succession to win by the odd goal in five. China easily triumphed over Scotland 7-2 and the meeting of the two teams should give the spectators one of the best games ever seen in Shanghai recently.

Lido is favoured to retain the coveted Skottowe Cup. The Clube will put up a strong fight as Marcal will be included in the line-up. This ought to strengthen the team's defensive department and Lido may not find the Portuguese too easy to handle.

First Division Matches

Of the five First Division tussles scheduled, the clash of the Surreys and Seaforths on Saturday should attract a big crowd of spectators at the Race course. This marks the second meeting of the two strongest British service teams this season. In the previous round the Jocks handed the Londoners a 5-2 beating, but this time it is expected that the tables may be turned. The Surreys have shown marked improvement lately whereas the Highlanders do no appear as strong as they used to be.

A special match has been arranged for the referees and pressmen on Sunday afternoon at Kiaochow Park. The game is being played off annually and the winners are entitled to keep the A.S.F. Cup for one year. The last time the press team emerged victorious and it is quite possible for them to retain the trophy for another twelve months in view of the fact that the team includes some senior members of the S.F.A. League.

Meanwhile, arrangements are now being made to stage a special charity match on March 30 at the Canidrome. The entire proceeds will be donated to the French War Relief Fund. In order to make this encounter as attractive as possible, the Committee of the S.F.A. have decided that the Interport XI who played against Hongkong on February 8 will play against the All Foreign XI who met the Hongkong team. It was the consensus that the Foreign XI actually did better work against the Colony players than did the Interporters.

The grounds at the Race Course will definitely close after the week-end games. The Canidrome will also close except in the case of a tie in the Cup finals when replay becomes necessary.

Complete Fixture List

Following is the complete list of fixtures for the Easter holidays and also the officials nominated for the two Cup finals:—

SATURDAY

International Cup Final:—Portugal *v* China Canidrome 2.30 p.m. S. E. Butt Line: W. F. Field and A. Hurry.

1st Division:—Surreys *v.* Seaforths R.G. 1-3 p.m. S.R.C. *v.* P.T.H. R.G. 2-3 p.m.

SUNDAY

Special Match:—Referees *v.* Press Kiaochow 3 p.m.

1st Division:—S.F.X. *v.* A.S.F. R.G. 1-3 p.m.

MONDAY

Skottowe Cup Final:—Lido *v.* Lusitano Canidrome 3 p.m. A. S. Sinclaid. Line: L. Chang and A. G. B. Carnell.

1st Division:—Seaforths *v.* S.M.P. R.G. 1-3 p.m. Surreys *v.* S.R.C. R.G. 2-3 p.m.

Surprise Defeat At Ten Pins

Press Succumb to Texaco Bears, 3-0; Cochran Takes Single, Triple Honours

The surprise defeat of the Press team at the hands of the Texaco Bears last night by 3-0 gave the Accountants, who scored a similar victory over the Automobiles, the lead in the Hardwood Section of the Commercial Ten Pins League. In the Softwood Section no drastic change in the standing of teams was seen as the Communications kept on winning over Commercial Express by the odd game in three.

Taking the measure of the Telephones by a 21 score the Insurance people managed to maintain their position as runners-up in the Softwood Section while Texaco Stars, by disposing of the Second Battalion 2-1, succeeded in climbing up to third place and getting even with the Telephones.

Huff Cochran of the Accountants was the outstanding pinman winning both the single and triple honours. He rolled a splendid score of 243 to pile up a 3-game total of 610. Gray of the Chamber of Commerce also starred with a fine single of 232.

The Results

Complete results follow:—

COMMERCIAL EXPRESS				
Madar	—	—	145	145
Bercovitch	150	111	—	261
Golding	130	135	152	417
Shean	116	168	123	407
Katz	175	152	134	501
Lurton	174	158	154	486
H'cap	165	165	151	481
	910	889	899	2,698
COMMUNICATIONS				
Lamb	120	116	143	379
McClellan	108	105	188	401
Dwyer	138	122	149	409
James	147	153	159	459
Perry	147	160	140	447
H'cap	179	179	179	537
	899	835	958	2,632
HEADQUARTERS MARINES				
Messersmith	181	143	160	484
Kuhn	145	158	156	459
Uhlinger	174	156	199	489
Fiori	148	173	212	533
Dolinsek	184	172	130	486
H'cap	80	80	80	240
	872	882	937	2,691
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE				
Huebner	151	154	179	484
Cullinan	148	132	146	426
Quunn	124	167	154	445
Gray	232	155	134	521
Clark	166	166	145	437
H'cap	112	112	112	336
	933	886	870	2,688
INSURANCE				
Blake	114	166	160	440
Hebel	158	132	161	451
Larenzen	169	118	140	427
Hale	197	196	220	613
Gonsalves	169	210	183	562
H'cap	117	117	117	351
	924	939	981	2,844
TELEPHONES				
Cuthbert	170	152	166	488
Souter	201	157	136	494
Smith	152	164	167	483
Hartnett	182	122	179	483
Klovekorn	167	178	148	493
H'cap	141	141	141	423
	1,013	914	937	2,864
2ND BN. MARINES				
Boyle	157	158	151	466
Halvorson	190	149	136	475
Hansell	184	123	—	307
Livingston	177	149	146	472
Barton	151	163	165	479
Reper	—	—	156	156
H'cap	124	124	126	374
	987	866	880	2,729
TEXACO STARS				
Gregor	119	120	151	390
Mayger	163	131	151	445
Worden	148	144	156	448
Cox	148	164	153	465
Krause	150	193	157	500
H'cap	144	144	144	432
	872	896	912	2,680
ACCOUNTANTS				
Maitland	167	202	156	528
Xavier	177	148	188	513
Watton	144	165	155	464
Eisenhut	158	171	146	475
Cochran	170	243	197	610
H'cap	104	104	104	312
	920	1,036	946	2,902
AUTOMOBILES				
Ricks	161	155	139	455
Manney	139	160	155	454
Gill	156	153	157	466
Happman	143	201	159	503
Bourne	137	159	147	443
H'cap	159	159	159	477
	895	967	916	2,798
1ST BN. MARINES				
Krenciki	—	—	148	148
Wells	155	148	—	303
Blais	173	141	145	459
Brunetti	178	134	149	461
Ashley	153	157	155	464
Roles	150	187	182	519
H'cap	94	94	100	288
	902	861	879	2,642
YANKEE CONSUL				
Mulliner	—	—	162	162
Collins	123	128	168	491
Engdahl	129	141	173	443
McFadyer	156	119	—	275
Batrick	169	128	127	424
Lamont	166	137	193	496
H'cap	153	177	172	502
	891	830	1,000	2,721
TRANSPORTATION				
Dunzy	144	138	124	406
Farmer	142	168	142	452
Ross	117	200	179	496
Hubert	147	170	146	463
Elliott	146	173	142	461
Hundreys	190	190	190	570
	886	1,039	923	2,848
CHASE BANK				
Lamneck	145	167	158	470
Ryan	136	180	146	442
Miller	148	110	121	379
Karg	167	171	135	473
Robinson	153	191	187	531
Handicap	184	184	184	552
	933	983	931	2,847
PRESS				
Inwood	182	133	—	315
Burton	168	152	146	466
Ladd	107	—	121	228
Morang	156	151	198	505
Butler	145	158	187	490
Howard	—	124	143	267
H'cap	122	123	127	372
	880	841	922	2,643
TEXACO BEARS				
Stocker	158	142	162	462
Shoemaker	156	135	179	470
Thomson	125	118	—	243
Taylor	134	202	136	472
Gorman	158	162	158	478
Willis	—	—	144	144
H'cap	190	190	188	568
	921	949	967	2,837

"N.D.N." Photo.

Shanghai Beating the Army

In this picture it is the Shanghai goal that is being attacked by the Army forwards in Sunday's match.

World of Sport at Home

England to Meet Scotland in Return Match On May 11; British Boxing Carries on

London, Feb. 25.

A RETURN match between England and Scotland has been fixed to be played in Glasgow on Saturday, May 11. Proceeds will be devoted to the Red Cross Fund. The first game was played at Newcastle in December.

Most of the surprising results in Regional Football in Scotland on February 17 were confined to the east and north section. Here Dundee United dumbfounded the prophets by beating Hearts at Tannadice Park, and as a result Falkirk, Stonhousemuir's conquerors, have a clear lead of two points at the top of the table. In addition, Aberdeen fell to St. Bernards in Edinburgh, and Dundee lost their "derby" game with Arbroath. In the west Rangers continue to lead the field, and Celtic seem nowhere nearer recovery.

National Sporting Club, famous as the headquarters of British boxing, which recently was stated to have unsecured liabilities of £9,608, is to carry on during the war. It was intimated at a private meeting of shareholders yesterday that an appeal made to the largest creditors had been received in an encouraging way.

The Management Committee of the Yorkshire Cricket Council at a meeting in Leeds, have decided to send letters to the Football Association and Rugby League authorities requesting them to forbid any extension of seasons beyond the middle of May. In order to meet possible emergencies, it was agreed to relax the rules relating to the transfer of players during the war period. Transfer forms will be abolished, and clubs will be able to include new players in their sides up to a few hours before a match, provided they obtain the consent of either the hon. secretary or president. It was also agreed to reduce the number of matches which clubs must arrange to qualify for the championship from 16 to 14.

Wembley Stadium

Wembley Stadium Limited reports that after transferring £1,459 to stadium alterations account the net profit for 1939 was £12,134 (against £39,061) for 1938. The fixed dividend on the seven-and-a-half per cent. Participating Preference shares is met, and £6,098 is carried forward (against £7,464 brought in). Last year 9.236 per cent. was paid on the preference shares and 20 per cent. on the deferred shares. Meeting, February 27.

Breeding of pedigree puppies during the war is to be discouraged by the committee of the Kennel Club, who govern all dog shows and field trials. The committee appeal to all owners "to sacrifice their individual interests and consider only the needs of the country," so that prohibition of all breeding will not be necessary, as in the last war. "Owners," the committee state, "should refrain from breeding puppies unless they can in all honesty assert that it is necessary to keep in existence a line of blood of great use to the future of the breed."

Four of the reasons for the appeal, a breeder told me yesterday, are: Danger of indiscriminate breeding and a general decline on quality of stock at a time when there are no big championship contests to keep up the standards.

Heavy expense of keeping large kennels in war-time; demands on the country's food resources; undesirability of breeding more dogs than are essential when the protection of pets from air raids is already a grave problem.

The appeal is likely to have a sympathetic response. Voluntary limitation of pedigree breeding has been considerable since the outbreak of war. Last month only 1,400 dogs were registered with the Kennel Club, compared with 4,231 in January 1939.

Arabian Studs Destroyed

At a council meeting of the Arab Horse Society in London Brigadier-General W. H. Anderson, the secretary, reported that the Arabian Horse Club of America had unanimously adopted a motion to accept horses from the society's stud book without reservation. A letter from the President, Mr. R. S. Summerways, stated that unfortunately owing to the war the outward and visible activities of the Society had necessarily been curtailed, and the Arabian Horse Show held annually in conjunction with the National Pony Society's Show at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, would not take place this year; nor would any of the principal shows be held at which classes for Arabian horses were usually included. Brigadier-General Anderson said he feared that the ruthless invasion of Poland had involved the dispersal and destruction of many famous Arabian studs in that country, which was a grievous misfortune for the owners and also for the Arabian breed in Europe. Included among these were the studs of two members of the Arab Horse Society—Count Joseph Potocki and H. H. Prince Roman Sanguszko.

Eddie Ryan, the former amateur lightweight champion, maintained his unbeaten professional record at the Stadium Club on February 19 with a points decision over Joe Connolly, a 20-year-old Scot, but fully half the crowd did not agree with it. A storm of booing greeted the referee's award. Connolly, with strong two-fisted attacks, gave Ryan more trouble than he has encountered so far. Particularly was he dangerous with right-hand counters in reply to Ryan's leading, and though he faded a bit in the last three of the ten rounds, he hardly looked a loser. Ryan was aggressive, and scored well to the body, but he could not find openings for his usual rights to the jaw, owing to Connolly's clever swaying and parrying. The Scot jabbed him away with left-hand punches, and landed freely with his right. Connolly, in fact, showed the greater skill at long range, and if he had not weakened under pressure towards the end there could have been no doubt as to the result.

Olympics May Take Place in Finland

Paris, Mar. 17.

The possibility of staging the Olympic Games in Finland as scheduled was discussed by the Finnish Olympic Committee a few days ago, and the decision was that the Games could be held providing they were restricted in scope, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Paris "Soir."

The Finnish Olympic Committee will meet again to reach a final decision on the matter, probably towards the end of March.

According to the Committee's plan, the Olympic Games, if held in Finland, will last one week instead of two weeks, and many competitions will not be held, such as yachting, rowing and riding.

It is hoped that fifteen nations, including Japan, Italy and the U.S.A. would take part in order to ensure the success of the Games.—Havas.

Junior Knockout Squash Play Tonight

The semi-final match in the junior knockout squash tournament will take place tonight at the Rowing Club when the home team plays against the Race Club in an endeavour to qualify for the final which will be played against the Light Horse. The semi-finalists on this occasion will be the Race Club "B" and the Rowing Club "B," both teams having showed themselves well up in this season's play. The winners will qualify for the final which takes place on Thursday.

There will be difficulty to predict the winner of tonight's tournament, the two teams being very evenly matched.

Fenske Beats Indoor ¾-Mile Record

New York, Mar. 17.

Charles Fenske, American runner, today broke the world's indoor record for the 3/4-mile run by covering the distance in 2 min. 59.7 sec.

The previous record was held by the American Boricar, whose time was 3 min. 1.2 sec.—Havas.

Baseball in Aid Of Finn Charity

Nationals Beat American Leaguers in Fine Florida Pre-season Game

Tampa, Fla., Mar. 17.

National League baseball stars showed precise pre-season form today in beating the American League aggregation, 2 to 1, in a special exhibition game for benefit of the Finnish Relief fund. The attendance set a new record in Florida, with 13,180 fans paying a total of U.S.$19,641 to see the game.

The Americans chalked up an early lead in the second inning when Joe DiMaggio, the Yankee slugging outfielder, crossed the home plate for the first score. The Nationals, however, evened the count in the fourth inning. The score remained knotted until the second half of the ninth inning.

Three hits off Bob Feller, Cleveland Indian star, and an error by second baseman Hal Trosky spelled defeat for the American League representatives in that crucial ninth inning.

Al Lopez singled off Feller. Joe Moore bunted. Ralston Hemsley fielded the ball and whipped it to Trosky for an easy putout but Trosky dropped it. Lopez rounded second at full speed while the Americans stood by, sucking their thumbs in confusion. Lopez went to third before the American Stars collected their wits and put the ball back into the game. Pete Coscarart of the Dodgers smacked a sizzing single past first base sending Lopez across the home plate in a walk.

Harry Gumbert of the Giants was the winning pitcher, while Feller was charged with the defeat.

Americans Get Only Five Hits

The Americans got only five hits from a group of five National League pitchers. Frank Crosetti and Bill Dickey, Yankee stars, each hit two singles for the Americans. The Nationals garnered six hits from four American hurlers.

Manager Joe McCarthy, of the Yankees who directed the Americans, started with Bill Dickey of his own club behind the plate, Jimmy Foxx at first, Joe Gordor. at second, Joe Cronin at short, and Red Rolfe at third.

Against this lineup, Red mentor Bill McKechine pitted Eanie Lombardi, Johnny Mize, Joe Cuccrnello, Bill Jurges and Harry Lavegentto in the same order, the 25 stars participating in the game were members of a dream team chosen by the American Baseball Writers Association.

League Presidents Attend

Commissioner K.N.M. Landis was in charge of the game and handled receipts, appointed the umpires and handled the affair on a world series basis. The two league presidents, Will Harridge of the American and Ford Frick of the National attended.

Radio rights were sold and all three major networks broadcast the game. Approximately U.S.$75,000 was raised for the Finnish Relief Fund from the broadcasts. Although the Tampa Field, where the Cincinnati Reds train, has a seating capacity of only 4,500, knockdown bleacher seats tripled the capacity.

Joe Williams, the sports committee of the Finnish Relief Fund, set U.S.$25,000 as the minimum goal for receipts.—United Press.

Capt. J. C. Powell Does Well at Squash

The last match in the first round of the senior squash championship was played on Sunday when Capt. J. C. Powell defeated C. S. Kimber by 9-4, 9-5, 10-9. The winner will go into the next round to meet J. L. Berglof who received a walk from R. B. Gotch. Powell is thereby favoured to do well in the remaining matches in this series of the championship.

In the junior matches, M. Ginsbourg defeated J. K. Wilson in three games. V. Striker defeated B. V. de Senna in five games, A. C. Sinclair disposed of R. Berglof, and J. R. Jacob lost to J. Moore in four games.

Japanese Swimmers Show Good Form in Brazil

Sao Paulo, Mar. 17.

Masanori Yusa and Tetsuo Hamuro, Japanese swimming stars, today displayed good form in an txhibition meet held at the Santos Tennis Club here.

Swimming in a 25-metre pool, Yusa covered 100 metres free style in 57.8 sec., and Hamuro set up a new record for Japanese of 1 min. 11.3 sec. for the 100-metre breast stroke event.—Domei.

Booking Times for Easter Holidays

Bookings for starting times for Good Friday should reach the Shanghai Golf Club secretary's office before 10 a.m., tomorrow. Booking times for Saturday, Sunday and Easter Monday, should reach the secretary's office 9 a.m. on Thursday.

Shanghai Golf Club

The following is the result of the Japanese Cup, 1940, played at Seekingjao on Sunday:—

	Down
J. A. Blackwood and T. C. G. Person	3
A. B. Davis and R. T. Dwyer	4
W. H. C. Huggett and W. C. Farnham	5
P. S. Widdup and R. M. Ballingall	6
A. Germ and O. F. Brooks	7
W. M. Chalmers and A. L. Piper	7
A. Pratt and A. Henderson	8

Philippine Group to Sail For Japan Games

Manila, Mar. 18.

The largest Philippine athletic delegation to compete in Japan since the 1930 Far Eastern Olympic Games will leave for Japan May 24 to participate in the Japanese Memorial games. The games are to be held in Tokyo, June 6 to 9, and Osaka, June 15 and 16.

The Philippine delegation will include coaches and will total 55. Among this number will be fifteen soccer players, four tennis stars, twelve basketball players, nine track and field experts, five wrestlers and five boxers.

The showing of the athletes will determine the size of the Philippine delegation which will be sent to the Pan American Games to be held in Argentina in November.—United Press.

Idaho Wins Pacific Coast Boxing Title

Sacramento, Calif., Mar. 18.

Sparked by the Kara brothers, Ted and Frank, the University of Idaho won the Pacific Coast inter-colegiate boxing title last night with a total of 36. San Jose State was runner-up with 25½ points and Washington State third with 15.—United Press.

Utilities Football

The result of the Utilities League match on Sunday was a win for the Phones against the Waterworks, 3-1.

The League table to date reads:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Phones	4	3	—	1	12	4	6
Bus	5	2	1	2	7	12	5
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4. a) Consolation ..... Liszt
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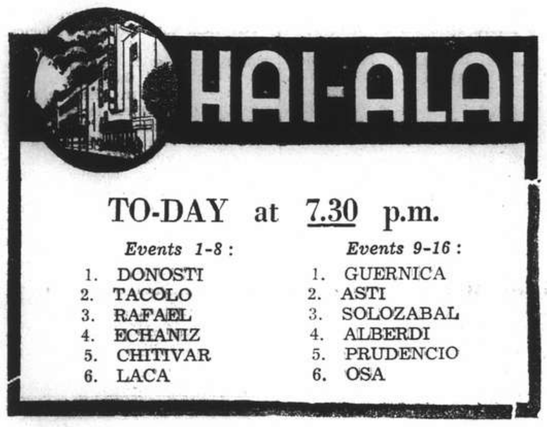

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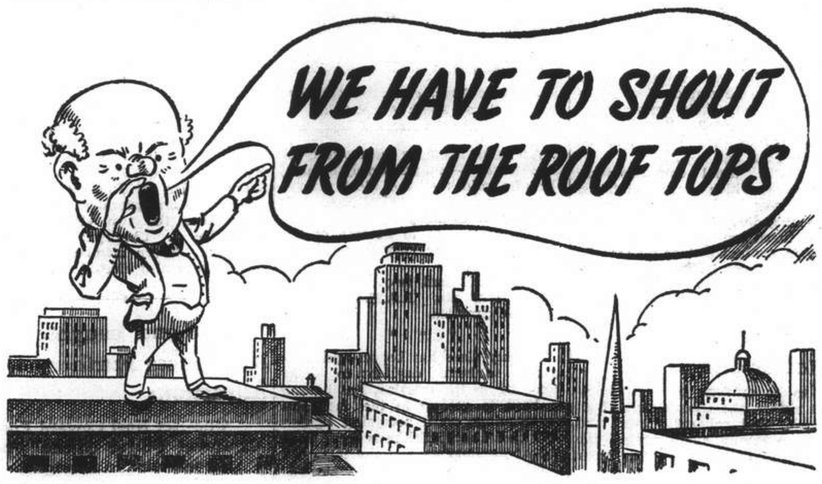

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Attempt on Wang Recalled

Hanoi Assassination All But Stopped Peace Move; Mr. Wang Now in Nanking

Nanking, Mar. 18.

How close assassins' bullets came to halting the Peace and National Salvation movement advocated by Mr. Wang Ching-wei was recalled here last night by Mr. Lin Po-sheng, acting director of the Publicity Department of the "reformed" Kuomintang in his first press interview in Nanking where a new Central Government of China is soon to be established.

A year ago on March 21, Mr. Lin said, assassins in the pay of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek attacked the residence of Mr. Wang outside Hanoi. The second trial of the assassins, who appealed against their first sentences, was scheduled to take place in Hanoi today, Mr. Lin stated. One of the gunmen was captured by members of Mr. Wang's organization in Shanghai and sent to Hanoi to face punishment, Mr. Lin revealed.

"The coming anniversary," Mr. Lin stated, "is a sorrowful day indeed, but it also inspires us to attain our goal without a day's respite.

"Fate has willed it so that it happens that Mr. Wang has returned to Nanking just a few days before Mr. Tseng's death anniversary."—Domei.

Mr. Wang in Nanking

With Mr. Wang Ching-wei in Nanking preparing to attend the much-heralded Central Political Conference which will give birth to the new central government to be headed by him, reports are current in Shanghai that numerous Chinese public bodies in Shanghai and outports have given their support to Mr. Wang in telegrams.

Much space was devoted yesterday by the "Central China Daily News" to these telegrams, mostly sent by public bodies in occupied districts. There was mentioned one telegram sent by the "whole body of Chinese employees and constables of the municipal councils of the Settlement and French Concession in Shanghai."

Among the other public bodies sending telegrams pledging allegiance to Mr. Wang are the "Shanghai College Students Federation," "Shanghai Middle School Students Federation," "Shanghai Newspaper Reporters' Fellowship Club," the "China An Ching League" and the "Buddhists Association in Nanking."

Mr. Wang left Shanghai for Nanking on Sunday by air together with more than ten Kuomintang officials who will attend the forthcoming conference. Arriving in Nanking shortly before noon, he was welcomed by a large party of officials there.

As the new government will soon be formed, it is reported that the Japanese may not require the Chinese to show their passes in Nanking commencing next month. In many parts of Pootung, the pass system has been abolished, it is stated.

Lady Member of R.A.F. Dies in Service

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

An Air Ministry casualty communique published today contains 59 names, including that of Sister A. S. Ketley as among eight who have died in active service. She is the fourth woman attached to the Air Force to die in active service. The other three were aircraft women. Apart from two officers wounded and one missing, all the others on the casualty list were killed or died of wounds or injuries.—Reuter.

Nottingham Miners' Patriotic Pledge

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

Ten thousand Nottinghamshire miners have pledged themselves to attend work as regularly as possible, to surrender recognized holidays at Easter, Whitsun and August and a portion of their summer holidays, and to work on alternate Saturdays to increase the coal output to meet national requirements. The pledge was made at a meeting during the week-end.—Reuter.

Marblehead Murder Mystery Solved

Four Men Arrested; One Said Confessed to Killing Seaman

Manila, Mar. 18.

The mysterious disappearance of Seaman John Randolph Pirschar, of Birmingham, Alabama, aboard the U.S.S. Marblehead, on February 21, was solved yesterday with the arrest of four men, one of whom was alleged to have confessed to the murder of the sailor, the "Manila Bulletin" reported from Olongapo today.

The seaman was robbed, murdered and his body was throwned into the sea, according to the confession, the "Bulletin" said.—United Press.

Pilot Glides Twelve Miles to Safety

Japanese Airliner Saved After Engines Fail

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

With both engines dead, an air-speed Envoy airliner of the Japan airways company made a successful landing at Keijo airport on Saturday morning after gliding on a strong north wind for more than 12 miles, a report received at Fukuoka today said.

The aeroplane, which left Kiyotsu for Keijo on Saturday morning, was flying at an altitude of 9,000 feet when the engines stopped, but because of the favourable wind the pilot was able to keep his plane in the air until he reached the airport, the message said.—Domei.

Two President Liners Arriving Here Today

The American President Lines' round-the-world liner President Adams arrives in port early this morning from New York, Havana, Cristobal, Balboa, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu and Kobe. She will tie up at buoys 12 and 13, and passengers are expected to arrive at the Customs Jetty at about 10.45 a.m. The liner will not be in port long, however, as the last tender will leave the Customs Jetty at 1 a.m. tomorrow, the President Adams leaving at day-break for New York by way of Hongkong, Manila, Suez ports and Europe.

Passengers from the President Coolidge, which is due here late this morning, are expected to arrive at the Customs Jetty at about 12.45 p.m. The Coolidge comes from Manila and Hongkong and will continue her trip for San Francisco and Los Angeles by way of Kobe and Honolulu, tomorrow evening, the last tender leaving the Customs Jetty at 3 p.m.

Tokyo Bay Volcano Becomes Favourite Spot for Young Japanese Suicides

Man and Girl Leap to Death, Beginning Fresh Epidemic of Self-destruction Among Youth

Tokyo, Mar. 15.

On the beautiful island of Oshima, the romantic volcano Mihara-yama, which marks the skyline of Tokyo Bay with its ever smoking crater, has once more in the last few years become the favourite suicide spot for the capital's unhappy lovers and others tired of life.

Coming only a week or so after the man who spent 48 hours suspended on a rock inside the fire-pit before he was saved, two young people on Sunday last were more successful in fulfilling their desire to get away from everything. Mr. Yasuyoshi Nishi, a student of Nihon University made the fatal jump, with his sweetheart, Miss Toshiko Hijitani, 21 year old dancer, tightly clasped in his arms. No trace has been found of the two since.

All through the years 1933-34, Mihara-yama was the terminus of one-way trips from all parts of Japan. The local police compiled statistics which included 1,800 cases of successful or attempted suicides. Then stringent measures were taken by the authorities and humanitarian societies to save the desperate young lives. Barbed wire fences were drawn around the crater, and police posts were established near the rim.

At night, spot-lights covered the favourite jumping points. The island was connected by a special wire with Tokyo so that hasty young people who had left notes behind at their houses could be stopped. Thanks to this elaborate prevention system, the number of suicides dwindled.

Be it that the wire fence has fallen into bad repair through the lack of necessary materials, or that a new romantic mood is invading the younger generation, it seems as if Mihara-yama is about to start on another series of self-immolating victims with the beginning of this year, and the authorites are said to be once more on the look-out.—Havas.

Two New Planes for Japan Air Service

Test Flight Made From Fukuoka to Shanghai

Fukuoka, Mar. 18.

Congestion of freight traffic over Japanese air routes will be eased by the Japan Airways Company in April when two large transport planes will be put into service as "flying freighters" on a circuit from Fukuoka to Changchun, Peiping, Nanking, Shanghai, and Taihoku.

With a capacity load, one of the planes yesterday took off from here to Shanghai on a test flight. The plane will fly from Shanghai to Taihoku tomorrow on a similar experimental flight. The flying schedule of the planes will be issued in April based on the results of the present tests.—Domei.

S.V.C. Orders

Headquarters Officers—Closing of:—All offices at Corps Headquarters will be closed from March 22, to March 25, (both dates incl.). Any matter of an urgent nature occurring during this period will be dealt with by the Officer on duty who may be communicated with by ringing up in the first instance telephone 12879.

Weapon Training — Classification (Rifle):—The undermentioned have qualified on "30 yards Range":—Shanghai Light Horse.—L/Cpl. A. V. Caddick, Tpr. M. P. V. Jacobson, L/Cpl. N. G. H. Wolf, Tpr. A. M. Stickels, Tpr. A. R. Forsyth, Tpr. R. P. G. Dowdal, Tpr. J. K. Simpson, Tpr. H. P. Sinclair. No. 3 (Vol) Company.—Privates V. F. Brozdounoff, V. F. Korenevsky, A. A. Rozenberg, V. I. Terekhoff.

Amendments:—Reference C.R.O. No. 9, para 58, dated March 11, Delete—Weapon Training—Classification (Rifle):—The undermentioned has qualified on "30 yards Range":—Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Pte. L. H. Dopson.

Inter-Unit Transfers:—Private A. Hill, "B" Company is transferred to American Machine Gun Company with effect from Mar 12. Private J. F. Browning, "B" Company is transferred to Light Automatic (A.D.) Company with effect from March 13.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Troopers R. C. F. Macgregor March 11, M. H. Feeney March 12, P. J. A. Innes March 12. American Troop.—Tpr. G. E. Torrey March 12. Corps Troops:—Armoured Car Co.—Pte. F. G. Willams March 14. "C" M. G. Company.—Pte. E. F. Carlsen March 12. "A" Battalion:—Jewish Company.—Pte. A. Shornik March 14. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Pte. J. D. Gilbert March 12. "B" Battalion:—Portuguese Company.—Pte. Geraldo B. Collaco March 14. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Tpr. H. Visser Jan. 12. Corps Troops:—Armoured Car Co.—Pte. F. A. Farnan March 11. "A" Battalion:—"A" Company.—C.Q.M.S. J. Sutcliffe March 11. Pte. P. E. V. Jorgensen March 14. "B" Company.—Cpl. N. P. Evans March 8, L/Cpl. G. Ryan March 12. "B" Battalion:—American M. G. Co.—Pte. N. H. Gray March 13.

Leave:—Corps Headquarters,—Lt./Col. L. R. Andrews, M.C. from 16-3-40 to 7-4-40. Lt. H. Ibusuki from 11-3-40 to 2-4-40. American Troop.—Lt. J. J. Mokrejs from 9-3-40 to 30-3-40. Reserve of Officers "B".—Capt. L. F. Bright from 17-3-40 to 15-9-40.

Soviet-Turkish Talks Said Begun

Istanbul, Mar. 18.

Turko - Russian discussions have commenced at Ankara with the object of renewing negotiations interrupted in October, it was rumoured here yesterday.

No details could be obtained on the subject of the rumoured talks. There was no confirmation of the reports in official quarters here last night.—United Press.

Marriage Bureau for Japanese Youth

Sterilization Bill Stirs Public Opposition

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Japan's youth will learn the facts of life through highly hygienic channels if Dr. Rokuro Takano's proposed plan for the establishment of a marriage consultation bureau is realized.

A frightened public, fearing that the proposed Government Eugenics Bill, which places much stress on sterilization of the alleged unfit, would decrease the country's population has emphatically opposed the bill.

Dr. Takano, Infectious-Disease Prevention Chief, however, proposes to make everybody happy with his marriage consultation office. To the bureau, prospective brides and grooms can go to consult learned psychiatrists and psychologists.

Young couples would also learn the scientific facts of marriage, while sterilization would also be mentioned in undertones when the dire necessity arose. One hundred proposed bureaux would be erected to educate the future fathers and mothers of Japan, under the plan.—Domei.

U.S. Diplomacy Must Avoid Traps

New York Press States That Government Should Be Clear on Issues

New York, Mar. 18.

The diplomacy of the United States should not fall into any of the traps laid by the dictators and thus injure the interests of the Allies, the press stated here today, commenting on President Roosevelt's speech and the Hitler-Mussolini meeting.

The New York "Times" stated that President Roosevelt, in his speech, "expressed the sentiment of most Americans regarding real peace conditions. Peace must rest upon a moral basis."

The paper wondered whether the United States would, one day, be ready to co-operate with other large Powers in offering guarantees to small states in order to remove any threat of their being invaded.

"We must be clear on these questions if we want to have a say in the eventual peace agreement," the New York "Times" added.

The New York "Herald Tribune" declared that Hitler and Mussolini may only discuss Balkan problems. Should any peace proposals result from the meeting, then they would only be made in order to shatter the nerves of the Allies and confuse American public opinion, the paper added.

"The Dictators have every advantage in speedy manœuvres," the "Tribune" continued. "Only those fundamental principles of conscience freedom of speech and will are fighting for the Allies. Let the United and strength which are the fruits of States make no mistake about that."—Havas.

OBITUARY

Mr. George Everett Anderson

Washington, Mar. 18.

Mr. George Everett Anderson, who served as American Consul-General in Hongkong, Hangchow and Amoy, died here today from a heart attack at the age of 71. He retired from the American Consular Service in 1924 to specialize in the study of international finance and exchange, gold movements and American banking.

He was Consul-General at Hongkong from 1910 to 1920. From 1904 to 1905 he was Consul at Hangchow and from 1905 to 1906 he was Consul at Amoy. He also served in Brazil and Holland, retiring in 1924 after four years as Consul-General at Rotterdam.

Born August 20, 1869, at Bloomington, Illinois, he started his career as a newspaper reporter. Later he became editor and then publisher, leaving the newspaper field in 1894 to enter the American Consular Service.—United Press.

Mongolian Princes on Way to Chungking

Chungking, Mar. 18.

Two Mongolian princes of the eastern and western banners, Chi Chun-feng and Pa Yun-ying, are at present on their way to Chungking to call on General Chiang Kai-shek. They will report on conditions in Suiyuan and Mongolia.

They reached Sian yesterday, it is learned, and are calling on Shensi leaders today.—Reuter.

Small Money Surcharge Reduced

Shops Have to Cut Rates Since Arrival of Notes

To the relief of the poor and salaried individuals, exchange shops in Shanghai are no longer allowed by their association to collect surcharges ranging from three to six cents when their customers present a $1 or $5 note for exchange or for buying goods as the small money shortage is no longer a problem in the city. The Cigarette and Exchange Shops Association has officially notified its member shops that for $100 and $1, only $1 and one cent will be charged respectively as the exchange commission as in ordinary time.

It will be recalled that during the small money crisis, cigarette and exchange shops had been exhorbitant in deducting several cents from a Chinese dollar when it was presented for an exchange or for buying sundry goods worth a few cents. The pretext was the shortage of small money, the shop managers contending that they themselves had been paying more than $100 in exchange for the same amount of cent notes. The public in general suffered a great deal because a dollar was then worth only 94 or 95 cents.

As the various Chinese banks have circulated more old cent notes which they recalled from the market because they were too old to be used, and as the Central Bank of China has now issued about $2,500,000 worth of new one cent and five-cent notes, the problem of change has practically been solved. It is learned that the sixth issue of the cent notes will again be circulated soon.

Judging from evidence, small exchange shops have still been reluctant to forsake their policy of collecting surcharges during the past few days. Although they were not collecting as much as they did before when a $5 was worth only $4.90 or so, four cents were charged for a $5 note when it was presented for buying cigarettes. But since the Association's order was circulated yesterday, it is expected that such irregularities will disappear today. Meanwhile, the police are reported to be preventing those who may take away small money from Shanghai.

Peace and Prosperity In Tapieh Mts.

Chinese Troops Co-operate With Population

Chungking, Mar. 18.

Having distributed "comfort gifts" among Kwangsi troops holding out in the Tapieh Mountains, which form the base for Chinese forces operating in Anhwei and eastern Hupeh, a delegation from Kwangsi has returned to the Han River valley after a tour of four months.

In an interview, they expressed surprise at "the prosperity and peaceful conditions prevailing in the Tapieh Mountains." They particularly stressed the close co-operation between Chinese troops and the populace in the area, where, it is claimed, only a small number of Japanese troops is at present operating.

There was no shortage of food and salt in the district, but lack of subsidiary notes was causing inconvenience, the mission added.—Reuter.

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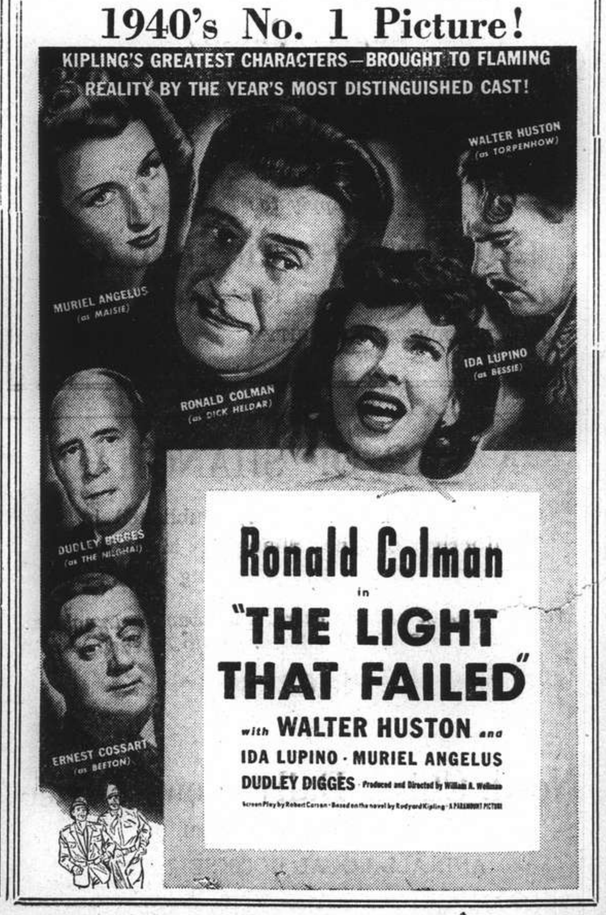

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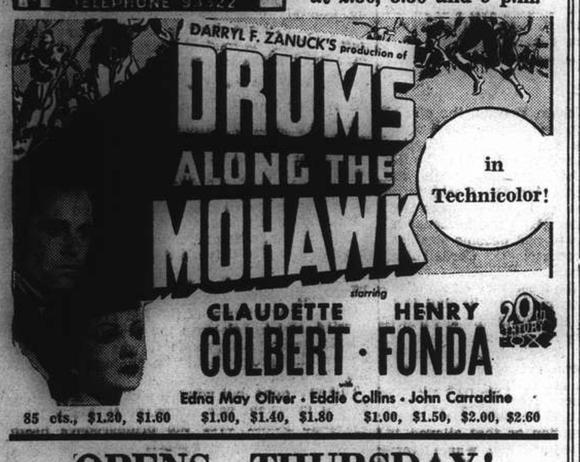

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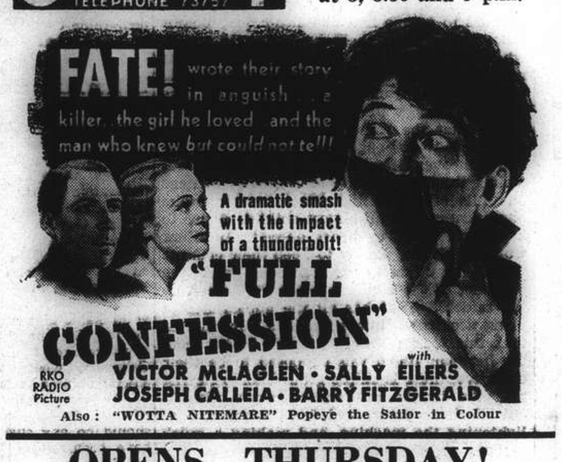

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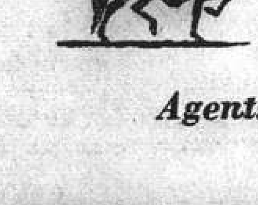

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AN ABORTIVE RAID

After months of comparative inaction, the German air arm staged a small raid over Scapa Flow and the Orkneys on Saturday night, and have come out with the usual tall stories of enormous damage done to British war vessels. British naval circles speak of the whole affair as a mere skirmish, only a small portion of the force which the enemy sent out actually caring to go into action. Some damage was done miles away from Scapa Flow, and a civilian killed, the suggestion being that the German airmen chose to bomb well away from the heavily protected harbourage where the British fleet was reported to be. The German claims to have done damage to four large British war vessels were only to be expected, but when they go on to suggest the same old names as those of the vessels damaged, the whole thing assumes the old familiar "the above-named gentleman playing the beforementioned instrument." The German propaganda is running true to form, and is proving just as unimaginative. It is one of the most remarkable things concerning German propaganda that their aeroplanes have never been sent out on a mission without it having been successfully accomplished. That is of course what they would like the world to believe, and most certainly like to believe themselves, and while it will undoubtedly seem good news to Germans, who have access to no other information than that handed out by Dr. Goebbels' ministry, it will fail to convince any reasonable person who cares for one moment to consider the circumstances in which the raid was carried out. It is definitely established that the raids occurred from 7.50 to 9.15 p.m. on Saturday. It was of course dark, sunset having been at 6 p.m., while the only natural light was that of the new moon just past its first quarter and consequently not able to illuminate the scene any too well. It was nevertheless a clear night, so that the comparatively poor visibility was not further diminished, and the German aviators should have been able to ascertain their whereabouts and see the British vessels lying in Scapa Flow, dark spots on the somewhat lighter water. That they could identify the vessels is utterly out of the question, and all the German propaganda burbling about having hit the Repulse, the Renown and other such vessels must be taken for exactly what it is worth, and that is not a great deal.

The German claim that three battleships and a cruiser were hit and heavily damaged, while it was thought probable that two other war vessels were also damaged. If these claims were true, it would mean that added to the other damage alleged to have been done to British capital ships since the commencement of the war a very substantial proportion of the British fleet would now be completely immobilized. The German propaganda machine makes no such claim, nor apart from the stories alleged to have been told by the raiders themselves on their return to Germany, is there any attempt to glorify what, if these stories were true, which they are most patently not, the heaviest reverse which has been inflicted upon the British Navy since the commencement of hostilities. The practice of telling the lie big enough has been adhered to, but there is an absence of enthusiasm in propagating it which suggests that the enemy is not too certain as to how much of this cock-and-bull story the world will accept. The fact of the matter is that the raiders met with such a reception that few of them could penetrate the defences, and even they in their endeavours to escape had to unload their bombs miles away from their objectives in places where little damage beyond the death of one man, the injury of two or three other people and the collapse of a cottage was done. The point is very well taken by British naval circles that the "fact that the German high command is so eager to magnify the air skirmish over Scapa Flow, and the ridiculous claims they have made of inflicting damage on units of the British Fleet, betray undue nervousness, and an almost childish desire to have something to boast about." In other words, whistling loudly to keep their courage up. It may safely be conceded that the bombing of the civilians was not planned by the raiders. That has all the appearance of being accidental, but when it is remembered that this took place five or six miles from the harbour which was supposed to be their objective, there is ample ground for believing that the bombs in question were released out of sheer panic, and for the purpose of lightening the machine, and making a quick escape.

It is inevitable that this raid will stimulate the activities of those in Britain and France who are agitating for a more positive conduct of this present war. There are military and naval objectives in Germany which can properly be regarded as targets for the Allied flying forces, and they should be given the opportunity of retaliation, of which they would be only too willing to avail themselves. Apart from that the whole affair has no particular significance, save in one respect only. It has been the German claim that because the British Navy left Scapa Flow, as it did in the early days of the last war, it was to be taken as complete proof that the German air arm had complete control of the North Sea. The claim was recognized as preposterous at the time, and taking the German admission that the presence of the fleet in Scapa Flow had been known to them for some days prior to the raid, the question may very well be asked as to exactly what sort of control it is when the British fleet can go back to its harbourage and remain there until this abortive attack was delivered against it. Ordinary prudence would require that, if the German aeroplanes were the menace to the safety of the fleet which the enemy claimed them to be, the British fleet should have remained based on Lough Swilly, and the fact that it was not, but was back at its old base, suggests that this alleged German control is held in contempt by the British naval command. The attempt to magnify this comparatively trivial affair into something of the first magnitude only serves to show how completely bankrupt the German Ministry of Propaganda is of ideas. It cannot afford to admit to its own people that any move which is made may have proved abortive. There would be nothing particularly damaging to morale if they were to do so. Nevertheless, if these cheap paper victories are necessary to the German Government in order to bolster up the spirits of its people, the only conclusion to be drawn is that there must be more cause for anxiety in Germany than has up to the present transpired. The doctrine of German invincibility is apparently not enough; it is necessary to claim successes where in fact none exist.

The Miners' Pledge

The attitude of labour during war-time is of paramount importance, not on the score of patriotism because the ranks of labour provide a large part of the fighting forces, but because of economic adjustments slow to receive correction and therefore affecting the common attitude. In the present war, labour's response has been magnificent in manpower, effort and attitude, and as debates in the House of Commons have shown, much of the demand for a more vigorous prosecution of the war has come from labour, although the line of political demarcation is being maintained. From the miners, one of the largest fields of labour in Britain, little has been heard. In peace-time when industrial strife was bitter and the coal industry was at its lowest ebb, leaders used to recall a remark retained from the last war that "the miner is always in the trenches." From Nottinghamshire, however, has come an unusual pledge—that of the miners to work holidays, in order to increase the coal output needed for national requirements. Ten thousand men—or their delegates presumably—attended a meeting and pledged to work as regularly as possible, and sacrifice recognized holidays at Easter, Whitsuntide and August, and a portion of their summer holidays when the pits close down, and also to work on alternate Saturdays, the miners' day off. This should prove a valuable contribution to the national task of winning the war, for, side by side with the requirements for domestic consumption, is the necessity for maintaining coal exports abroad for the acquisition of foreign currencies. Neglected in peace-time with fuel oil in the ascendancy, coal is filling its former role in war-time as the Anglo-Italian misunderstanding recently demonstrated when coal supplies were one of the important factors involved.

Peace or Real War

It is a significant indication of the Allies' determination to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion that, simultaneously with a conference between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, presumably over the prospects of peace in Europe, and Mr. Sumner Welles' mission which obviously has a similar object, there should be a popular agitation for a more vigorous conduct of the war both in Britain and in France. Hitler undoubtedly would like peace—peace which would leave him in possession of his gains, and which would leave him free to tyrannize over his less powerful neighbours. Again, Signor Mussolini would like peace, for whoever wins this war it looks as if Italy will lose. But the Allies will only have peace on their own terms. These terms need hardly be repeated. They include the restoration of the raped countries and guarantees against future repetitions of Hitler's shameless actions. Only in this way can confidence in Europe be restored, and without confidence Europe will remain an armed camp. The American Government perceives the need for this attitude clearly. Without waiting for the report of Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt has vigorously stated the beliefs of his administration. He declared in his broadcast from Washington:—

> "Today we seek a moral basis for peace. There cannot be a real peace if it fails to recognize brotherhood. There cannot be a lasting peace if the fruits of it are oppression, starvation, cruelty or human life dominated by armed camps. There cannot be a sound peace if small nations must live in fear of powerful nations. There cannot be a moral peace if freedom from invasion is sold for tribute. There cannot be an intelligent peace if it denies free passage to the knowledge of those ideas which permit men to find a common ground. There cannot be a righteous peace if God is denied."

These are the views of the head of a neutral nation, with every facility for forming an unbiased opinion. At the same time, the war aims of the Allies could hardly have been better stated. Britain and France have never wanted war. Hitler forced war on Europe by ruthless aggression and preaching a religion of force. Therefore Hitler "must go." There can be no patching up of a quarrel which, after all, is not between the Democracies and the Totalitarians, much as the Reich's propagandists would like to have that idea believed. It is the quarrel of humanity against the oppressor, of reason against blind prejudice, of sane progress against phrenetic retrogression. That section of the German nation which has not yet been defiled by the Nazi taint should be the first to admit the nobility of President Roosevelt's definition of the peace the Allies are fighting for. But in the deplorable conditions which exist in their country, Truth has no chance of survival.

A German Gaffe

The Deutsche Nachrichten Bureau, the official German "news" agency, has distinguished itself again by disseminating a piece of information which has speedily been proved to be the lie it was thought to be. Probably with the inspiration of the imaginative Dr. Goebbels, it spread the report that relations between the British Government and Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the American Ambassador, had become strained because of the latter's report to Mr. Cordell Hull on the belligerent's chances. Whatever report Mr. Kennedy made to the Secretary of State on the matter has not been made public, but it is unthinkable that such a state of affairs as alleged by the German agency should arise over an expression of opinion. It might, of course, in Germany, where unless everyone holds the official opinion it is an act of high treason, but in the democracies where free thought is still allowed it is quite unbelievable that there should be any such reaction as that alleged to have occurred in Whitehall. The whole story has been authoritatively denied in Washington and London, officials in the former city describing this piece of fiction as "vicious propaganda." That is giving it too much dignity. When the German mind can concoct nothing better than so obvious a piece of nonsense in an endeavour to drive a wedge between Great Britain and the United States, when they can do nothing but indulge in such silly behaviour, they merely betray their bankrupt imaginations and the paucity of their propaganda abilities. The German propaganda machine has lied so consistently since the beginning of the war, and its lies have been so quickly revealed to be what they are that it is a wonder it has not yet changed its tactics. The trouble probably is that if it now commenced to tell the truth no one would believe it, and that, having so readily assumed the garb of Ananias, Dr. Goebbels and his satellites find it very difficult indeed to divest themselves of that most uncomfortable garment. German propaganda has already completely failed in the United States, because of the sheer ineptitude of the people controlling it, and to persist in this line of conduct is merely to convince the world of the machine's utter incapability. The only people that Dr. Goebbels can fool are his own, and only then because they are kept in such complete ignorance of what is going on. Clumsy attempts, such as these, to interfere with the good understanding which exists between Great Britain and the United States are, fortunately, not likely to succeed. In the United States German propaganda has failed hopelessly because of failure to understand the psychology of the people and the prevalence of the idea that what is good enough to convince the docilely bovine German in his own country is sufficient to have the same effect upon other peoples in other places. That it simply does not work is not sufficient to induce the Germans to change their procedure, which is probably just as well, for otherwise they might succeed in deceiving other people besides themselves.

HOME OFFICE ACTIVITIES

Grim Reminder of Unenviable Function

The Home Office, which has its entrance opposite the Cenotaph, is the radiating centre for many activities, writes E. Donough O'Brien in the "Listener." Its heart is on the first floor of a not very attractive Victorian building and it is on this floor, which runs round a central courtyard, that the Home Secretary, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary and the heads of Divisions have their offices. If one goes up the main staircase and turns to the left at the top, past the big room in which the Home Secretary receives deputations, one comes to his own room on the Foreign Office side of the square overlooking the Foreign Office courtyard. There is a huge desk by the window, one or two arm-chairs—in one of which the present Secretary of State, Sir John Anderson, likes to work with a book-rest—bookshelves with bound volumes of Hansard and legal works, one or two portraits of former Home Secretaries, and lastly a very grim reminder of one of the least enviable functions of the Home Secretary.

This is a sort of wooden frame in which there are cards with the name of each condemned murderer, the prisons and the intended date of execution. If the Home Secretary is unable to advise the King to exercise his Prerogative of Mercy, a red line is drawn through the name and the grim word "executed" is written in a blank space at the end. But the frame remains as a constant reminder to the Home Secretary of his terrible responsibility. The Home Secretary's office covers a great many other things as well. It may be used, for example, on the Home Office's advice for such diverse things as reducing the sentences of the Dartmoor mutineers, or for granting a free pardon to a motorist wrongfully convicted of driving without a third party insurance.

In addition to the Home Secretary's room, there are on this first floor all the rooms of the heads of his departments. A department of the Home Office is called a Division. Each Division is known by a letter. Thus "A" Division deals with such questions as naturalization and nationality, relations with Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, and relations with Northern Ireland. Division "B" deals with aliens, their admission, their registration and their control, and if necessary their deportation, and so on down the alphabet to "I." Next to "I" you come to one of the newer departments—A.R.P.—and that covers four whole divisions. One rather curious result of the Home Office system of lettering is that while Air Raid Precautions may be A.R.P. to the public they are Divisions J.L.M. and N. to the Home Office.

Criminal Justice Administration

We have already mentioned Divisions "A" and "B." Division "C" deals with the Prerogative of Mercy, with criminal justice administration, with prisons and prisoners, with Borstal Institutions, with criminal lunatic asylums, with appointments and salaries of Justices' Clerks and Clerks of the Peace, with coroners, and with all questions arising out of extradition treaties.

Division "D," approved schools; questions of the protection of children and cruelty to children; juvenile courts; with all questions of the employment of children; with obscene publications; with inebriates; with theatres, cinemas.

Division "E" deals with burials and cremation; with vivisection (one can only practise vivisection in this country under Home Office licence); private members' bills; bylaws; the registration of electors; the protection of wild birds; addresses to the King; and with what are called miscellaneous subjects, covering about forty different forms of human activity.

Then Divisions "F" to "N" deal with matters from Police to A.R.P. activities.

Whether one is a Bishop being presented to the King on appointment—for the Home Secretary is the official channel between the King, as head of the Church of England, and the Church itself—or a farmer who wants to buy a rook rifle, or a bottle-party manager, or just an ordinary citizen who wants to get a packet of cigarettes or have a drink at a certain time of the day, sooner or later all come in contact with the Home Office.

IN PARENTHESIS

Going Too Far

"Really, George," said Mrs. War Bride, "I'll put up with your untidiness, I'll stand for the noise you make in the bathroom, I'll endure your irregular hours. But it's really going too far when you try to play my pancake on the gramophone."

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Habit

Teacher: "Now, children, who can tell me what is the Germans' favourite drink?"

After a pause, "Beer," said all the class in turn, except Tommy.

Teacher: "Now, Tommy, don't you agree with the others?"

Tommy: "Please, teacher, I don't know if the German Army is fond of beer, but we all know their navy sticks to port."

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Slow But Sure

It was a country station, and the train service was badly disorganized through the blackout.

A passenger had been waiting an hour for an overdue train, so he approached the solitary porter, and asked how much longer it would be.

The porter stared down the line and a smile beamed over his face.

"I think it's getting near now," he said. "Here comes the engine-driver's dog."

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Warning

One of the members of the Aid Post was being married, and to celebrate the occasion they had a little party. Afterwards it was decided that the wedding group should be photographed outside the Post.

This was done, but when the photographs were printed everyone was surprised to see a large recruiting poster over the bridegroom's head: 'Your Freedom is in danger."

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Now He Knows

Farmer Giles' son was just home on leave from France, and, of course, the old man was anxious to know all about things "over there."

"What be they tanks like I years zo much talk about?" he asked.

"Oh," replied young Giles, "they're just great wobbling thingameybobs full of what-you-may-call-ems, and they blaze away like billy-o."

"Aye," said the old man, "I'd yeard they was wunnerful things, but I never could get no details afore."

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Chicken Feed

Because of the shortage of poultry food a man was advised to give his fowls 50 per cent. sawdust with their meal.

He did so and gradually reduced the meal until he was giving them all sawdust.

The friend who had suggested this came for a sitting of eggs.

In due course he called and asked what the result of the sitting was.

"They all hatched," replied the poultry keeper, "but they are a queer lot of chicks. Seven have got wooden legs and the other two are woodpeckers!"

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Every Man for Himself

So far the ship had escaped mines and torpedoes. Suddenly there was a jolt followed by a horrible scraping noise. Then the engines stopped.

A timid little man sprang out of his cabin and almost collided in the corridor with the captain.

"W-what h-has h-happened?" he stammered. "W-wwhere are the l-life-belts?"

"They are no good now," answered the captain, "I've done my best, it's every man for himself now."

"H-have w-we struck a m-mine?" gasped the little man.

"No," replied the captain, "we're in harbour."

Il Duce, Fuehrer End Parley at Frontier

Count Ciano, Herr von Ribbentrop Present at "Cordial" Meeting; Mr. Sumner Welles Delays Departure to Hear Signor Mussolini's Report

Rome, Mar. 18.

FOR 2½ hours today Signor Benito Mussolini and Herr Adolf Hitler sat together in a train at the Brenner Pass and had a conversation which may prove of historic importance for the future of Europe. Although the actual lines of the discussion are not known, it has been officially indicated that recent international developments in Europe were the main subject. A communique later described the conversation as "cordial." The Foreign Ministers of the two countries, Count Galeazzo Ciano of Italy and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop of Germany, were present during the conversation. The meeting took place in Signor Mussolini's train on Italian territory near the German border. Herr Hitler left the Brenner to return to Berlin at 1 p.m. and Il Duce's train drew away a quarter of an hour later.

Mr. Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State, teogetther with Mr. Myron Taylor, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to the Holy See, was received by the Pope this morning. The audience lasted 50 minutes. Later, the two American envoys visited Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State. Mr. Welles decided to prolong his stay in Rome from Tuesday till Wednesday upon an authoritative announcement that the two Dictators would meet on the German-Italian frontier today. He desires to hear the results of the talk before departing for Washington.

According to well-informed circles, Signor Mussolini would receive Mr. Welles on Tuesday.

Before the Fuehrer's train steamed out of the Brenner, Herr Hitler leaned from his carriage window for a final handshake with Signor Mussolini.

Wearing the Blackshirt uniform, Il Duce arrived at the Brenner this morning 40 minutes before Herr Hitler. While waiting, he spent the time chatting to the Italian military commander stationed there.

Count Ciano and Dr. Hans George von Mackensen, the German Ambassador to Italy, travelled with Signor Mussolini. Those in the Italian dictator's suite included Signor Sebastiani, his principle private secretary, and Baron Geisser Cessia, Chief of Protocol.

When Herr Hitler's train steamed in, it was seen to be decorated with the Italian and German colours. The Fuehrer was the first to alight. He stepped briskly up to Signor Mussolini, who was waiting on the platform, and shook hands. Then the dictators crossed to Signor Mussolini's train, and the momentous conversation began without delay.

Herr Hitler was wearing the "feldgrau" (active service) uniform of which he said in the Reichstag, at the outbreak of the war, "I like it best."

Signor Mussolini passed the night in his train at Bressanone, not far from the frontier. The town was beflagged. It was snowing when Il Duce continued his journey to the Brenner Pass.

According to a Berlin communique, the meeting was arranged during Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop's visit to Rome. The general impression in Roman diplomatic political circles is that the meeting is connected with the activities of Mr. Sumner Welles, particularly his interviews during the week-end with King Victor-Emmanuel, Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano.

Mr. Welles had been expected to leave Rome on Monday evening for Genoa to meet his wife, who has been spending the last few days at San Remo. His departure for the United States has now been fixed for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Italian liner Conte di Savoia.

Mr. Welles saw the American Ambassador yesterday.—Reuter.

Nazis Tone Down Terms

Rome, Mar. 18.

Mr. Sumner Welles, the U.S. Under-Secretary of State who is still here, was reported to have received from Signor Mussolini last night more detailed and less adamant German peace terms than he obtained during his visit to Berlin earlier this month. The new terms were believed to have been brought to Rome last week by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister.—United Press.

Comment Withheld in Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 18.

All newspapers publish an official communique about the meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, under huge headlines. No comment, however, is made regarding the reasons for the meeting.

It is pointed out here that today's meeting is the fifth held by the two dictators. "The meeting," it is declared, "was prepared on both sides with the rapidity and absolute discretion which has always marked Fascist and National Socialist collaboration." Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, it is added, are both accompanied by a small group of collaborators, who always accompany them on their journeys.—Reuter.

U.S. State Department Reticent

Washington, Mar. 19.

All political attention is centred on the meeting between Herr Hitler and

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Peace Offensive Held Imminent

Allied Observers See Italian Hesitation at Soviet Rapproachement

London, Mar. 18.

A peace offensive is generally believed to be imminent as a result of the decision of Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler to meet.

It is assumed that the meeting of the Dictators is a direct confinuation of the negotiations begun when the German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, visited Rome some days ago.

Informed circles in Paris believe that the meeting may have been partly inspired by the strain which is being put on Italo-German relations, and which has been apparent below the surface for some time. The strain is said to have become particularly evident during Herr von Ribbentrop's visit to the Italian capital, and to have been supported by information from Rome, which was to the effect that Italy does not intend to change her attitude towards Russia. At the same time, it is understood that authoritative circles in Rome connect the meeting of the Dictators with Mr. Sumner Welles, though the exact connection is not defined.

Definite Gesture Expected

Diplomatic quarters in Rome are understood to be more interested in the second visit of Mr. Welles than his first. Though not much hope is entertained in Rome for a successful peace move, it is believed that such a move will be made. Well-informed circles in Paris lay stress on the statement today in Count Ciano's newspaper "Telegrafo" that the war may last a very long time.

According to Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent, Herr von Ribbentrop's recent visit to Rome was undertaken partly for the purpose of taking advantage of Mr. Sumner Welles' tour to launch a peace offensive.

The "New York Times" reported yesterday from Rome that pressure was being exerted on Mr. Welles "to induce the United States to throw her weight behind a negotiated peace."

The Balbo newspaper, "Corriere Padano," also linked Mr. Welles' trip with the possibility of securing early peace, although the American envoy has repeatedly emphasized that his mission is solely to establish facts and not to make any proposals or enter into any commitments on behalf of his Government.

Italo-Soviet Rapprochement

Neutral observers in Amsterdam say that one of the subjects which will undoubtedly be discussed by the Dictators is the situation in south-eastern Europe, as Signor Mussolini's interest in the integrity of Rumania is intense.

They all agree, however, that this question alone was not so vital as to require the sudden meeting, and believe that the true reason is something much more important and dramatic.

Herr von der Schulenberg, the German Ambassador in Moscow, is understood to be acting as intermediary between Russia and Germany in the negotiations about Rumania. A German delegation, including Herr Karl Clodius, the economic expert, is to leave Berlin for Bucharest, probably on Thursday, to carry matters a step further.—Reuter.

Paris Press Comment

Paris, Mar. 18.

Though the announcement of the meeting between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini came as a surprise, press commentators here consider that it has been contemplated by Berlin and Rome for some time.

Pertinax in "L'Ordre" says: "A peace offensive is imminent. Il Duce and behind him Der Fuehrer flatter themselves that they can drag President Roosevelt into it, through Mr. Sumner Welles as an intermediary."

"Le Jour" declares: "Il Duce and Der Fuehrer will work in accordance with a plan carefully drawn up and probably dominated by diplomatic intrigues conducted in the last few days by the Whilhelmstrasse in south-eastern Europe."

"L'Excelsior" writes: "It is not wholly excluded that Hitler contemplates closer co-operation between Germany and Italy to bar the road to Bolshevism in the Balkans, thus hoping to gain the good graces of President Roosevelt and the Pope, whose mediation he hopes for in Paris and London, in favour of a peace of compromise."—Reuter.

Settlement for Finns In Australia

Sydney, Mar. 18.

A plan to settle Finnish immigrants in Australia on a large scale is being considered by the Australian Government. This was disclosed by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, in a statement today.—Reuter.

Nordic States Made Centre Of Activity

Germans Seek Part in Defence Pact; Effort To Oust Allied Trade

Stockholm, Mar. 18.

Unprecedented diplomatic and political activity has begun in the northern countries of Europe following the Soviet-Finnish peace.

The following points emerge clearly:

1. Germany and Russia are seeking to exploit the anxieties of the northern countries to extend their hold upon them.

2. The rights and wrongs of the Soviet-Finnish settlement are proving so controversial that the internal situation in some northern countries is likely to be affected.

It is widely believed here that Germany hopes to participate in the defensive alliance which Finland has proposed to Norway and Sweden. The arrival of two Nazi officials at Stockholm during the week-end is believed to be connected with the present political situation.

Moreover, according to informed observers, Germany is redoubling her propaganda efforts to persuade the northern countries that Britain and France are attempting to make a battlefield of Scandinavia. Germany is said to be hoping to persuade them that their salvation lies in entrusting themselves to German protection.

The Scandinavian attitude towards the German approaches, it is added, may be expressed in the phrase: "Preserve us from our friends." Russia's efforts to extend her influence are regarded less amiably.—Reuter.

German Commercial Drive

Amsterdam, Mar. 18.

The Germans appear to have launched a campaign to oust Britain from the Scandinavian markets.

Using the trade agreements which Britain has just concluded with Norway and Denmark as a pretext, the German Government, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant," has been making urgent representations to the Scandinavian countries in regard to the true requirements of "true neutrality." These countries, he says, have been told that Germany in any case is able to take more raw materials and foodstuffs from them than Britain.

Although the agreements are scoffed at in Berlin as "compensation for the failure of British diplomacy over Finland," it is argued that Britain is endeavouring by these means to gain control of Scandinavian coastal waters, and it is declared that should the northern countries permit British warships to exercise such control they would be guilty of a breach of their neutrality as serious as if they had stopped exchanging goods with Germany at the instigation of Britain.—Reuter.

Moscow Interests

Stockholm, Mar. 17.

The "Aftonbladet" learned in Moscow that Russia desires to sign a convention with Norway and Sweden bearing not only upon trade exchanges but also upon the transit of and Norway's Atlantic coasts. They will be asked to place certain free ports at Russia's disposal. It is not yet known which ports will figure in the Soviet demands.—Havas.

Indian Congress Regrets O'Dwyer Shooting

Attack on Punjab Ex-Governor Injurious to National Cause

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rangarh, Mar. 18.

At the instance of Mr. M. K. Gandhi, the Congress working committee has adopted a resolution expressing deep regret at the fatal shooting of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, former Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, and the wounding of Lord Zetland at Caxton Hall in London last week.

"The committee does not attach any political significance to this unfortunate act," the resolution states, "nevertheless it wishes to reiterate the conviction that all such acts are injurious to the national cause."

The resolution will not come before the open session of the Congress.

At Lahore the Punjab States Council, presided over by Maharaja Dhiraj of Patiala, passed a resolution regretting the death of Sir Michael and the wounding of Lord Zetland.

Sir Michael was an "outstanding friend of India and her civilization," the statement says.—Reuter.

Anglo-Spanish Trade Pact Imminent

Madrid, Mar. 18.

The signature of an Anglo-Spanish trade agreement is expected to be announced tonight.—Reuter.

One German Bomber Which Never Reached Base

German bomber which was shot down by British Spitfires at St. Abb's Head, Berwickshire, in a recent raid. The machine, riddled with machine gun bullets, crashed on a hillside.

R.A.F. Bomb Nazi Vessels During Heligoland Raid

Nazi Attacks on Scottish Coast Driven Off; Claims on Scapa Flow Bombing Ridiculed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

DURING Saturday's daylight reconnaissance flights over Heligoland Bight British planes bombed a number of German naval patrol vessels between Borkum and Heligoland, the Air Ministry announces.

First Civilian Casualties in Britain

All along the coast of Scotland German planes tried to bomb naval and military objectives on Saturday night, it is learned. Heinkel bombers tried to reach the Forth Bridge but were beaten off by British fighters and never got within bombing distance of the bridge.

The first civilian casualties of the war in the Orkney Islands, if not in the British Isles, occurred during the German air raid on Scapa Flow.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, told the House of Commons this afternoon that he would deal with the German air attack on Scapa Flow in his regular war statement tomorrow.

A man residing near a civil aerodrome at Stromness was killed by a high explosive bomb while standing within the doorway of his home watching tracer bullets and anti-aircraft shell bursts. The bomb was one of nineteen dropped by an escaping enemy plane. The dead man leaves a widow and an infant son. The same bomb injured two of his neighbours, both men, who were standing at their doors. The cottage of an elderly woman was wrecked. The women crawled from the wreckage and collapsed on the road.

Another woman and an elderly man also were injured.

More than fifty high explosive bombs as well as many scores of smaller incendiary bombs fell in West Orkney. As windows were shattered residents of the area threw themselves in ditches to avoid debris which flew twenty feet and sometimes forty feet in the air.

The German planes flew over Kirkwall as low as 2,000 feet. Very few people took shelter, preferring to watch the biggest raid yet made on the Orkneys and Scapa Flow. Terrific flashes from guns lit up the whole region, and explosions occurred every few minutes during the raid.

Nazi Claims Ridiculed

British naval circles stated last night that the "fact the German high command is so eager to magnify the air skirmish over Scapa Flow, and the ridiculous claims they have made of inflicting damage on units of the British Fleet, betray undue nervousness and an almost childish desire to have something to boast about.

"It always has been recognized that our eastern and northern bases are subject to air attack, but we are confident of giving a good account of ourselves as fighting proceeds.

"It is very significant that only a small portion of the forces which the enemy dispatched upon the raid cared to come into action. Others must have missed their way. Even of those which arrived the bulk were content to kill and wound civilians in a small village five or six miles from the harbour, rather than face the fire of ships and batteries."—Reuter.

Collier, Trawlers Attacked

London, Mar. 18.

Following the raid on Scapa Flow German planes attacked the Aberdeen collier Redhall and three trawlers off the north-east coast of Scotland. An air battle also was fought between Royal Air Force planes and four German bombers over the east Scottish coast.

The trawlers attacked by German planes were the Mirabelle, Beaconlea and the Avonde. Their decks were raked with machine-gun bullets and three bombs fell between the Avonde and the Beaconlea.

Fishermen aboard the trawlers reported that the German planes fled when Royal Air Force Spitfires appeared on the scene. The R.A.F. planes pursued the Germans beyond sight of the trawlers, the fishermen reported.

An additional nineteen bombs fell on the Bridge of Waithe, a small village in Scotland. Eighteen other bombs exploded near the shore lock at Stenness, a few miles from Stromness on the mainland. Stenness is noted for the "Standing Stones of Stenness" which are two groups of ancient stone circles similar to those of Stone Henge.

British Ships Retaliate

The skipper of the collier Redhall, Captain J. Dunbar, reported that a German plane had dropped down from the clouds and attacked his ship but had been driven off by machine-guns mounted on the collier.

A member of the crew of the Avonde said the trawler's skipper had fired several rounds at the attacking German planes until his machine-gun jammed. "The plane passed right over our masthead," the sailor said, "and we could have struck her if the gun had not jammed."

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Tokyo Protests at Mail Delay

British Examine Postal Bags at Singapore; Ship Sails Without Twelve

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Instructions to Mr. Kaoru Toyoda, Japanese Consul-General at Singapore to file a vigorous protest with the local British authorities over the seizure of a portion of the mails in the Europe-bound ss. Fushimi Maru were being drafted by the Foreign Office this morning, as Japanese Government circles showed increased annoyance at the frequent tampering by the Allies with Japanese postal matter.

Twelve bags of parcels and mail, bound from Japan to Naples, were detained by the Singapore authorities yesterday, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha operators of the Fushimi Maru were advised last night.

When the Japanese liner reached Singapore on Saturday morning, the report said, British officials boarding the ship demanded the surrender of 64 bags of mail loaded in Japan for Naples.

"Force Majeure"

After consultation with the Japanese Consulate-General, the bags were handed over "under force majeure," with an understanding that they would be returned before the Fushimi Maru sailed.

When the sailing hour neared, 52 bags were returned, the remainder being detained on the grounds that they had not yet been examined, the report added.

Despite a strong protest of the Japanese Consulate-General, the British authorities were stated to have remained adamant, compelling the Fushimi Maru to sail without the remaining 12 bags.

The Fushimi Maru sailed from Yokohama on February 26 for European ports.—Domei.

Japanese View Explained

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Mr. Yakichiro Suma, spokesman for the Foreign Office, today reaffirmed that the Japanese Government considered only "military mail" liable to seizure by belligerents. By "military mail," the spokesman said, he referred to the correspondence and parcels containing information of a military character detrimental to the interests of the belligerent concerned.

This statement was made by the spokesman when asked to define the Japanese Government's attitude towards the reported seizure of mail carried by the ss. Fushimi Maru by the British authorities at Singapore over the week-end.

Japan's attitude, he added, would be the same in this case as in that of the Bangkok Maru and the Saigon Maru. French authorities at Haiphong on March 5 and on March 12 examined mail bags being carried by those two ships between Thai and Japan.

Eighty-eight pieces of mail and 22 parcels were removed from the Bangkok Maru pouches but the French authorities were understood here on March 14 to have indicated that they would restore a portion after examination.—Domei.

Mexican Delegation Leaves for Japan

Main Purpose to Sell or Barter Petroleum

Mexico City, Mar. 18.

An official delegation, comprising ten leading bankers and industrialists, left today for Japan where they will work to increase trade between Mexico and Japan.

Following a luncheon at the Japanese Legation, it was announced that the main purpose of the journey was to sell petroleum for cash or to barter it for silk and artificial silk. The greatest importance is attached here to the mission of the delegation.—Reuter.

Normal B.E.F. Leave To Be Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

Normal leave for men of the British Expeditionary Force will be resumed as early as possible, the War Office announced.

"Owing to unforeseen delays," the statement said "men coming home on leave from the B.E.F. have been temporarily retarded. Normal leave will be resumed as early as possible."—Reuter.

Young Australians Rush to Enlist

Only 55,000 Picked Men May Enter Air Force From About 200,000 Applicants

Canberra, Mar. 18.

Two hundred thousand applicants will have to be interviewed and tested before the 55,000 picked men needed to implement Australia's part in the Empire air scheme are finally selected.

The Minister for Air, Mr. Fairbairn, said that the estimate of 200,000 applicants was based on actual surveys. These showed that, owing to the standard of education and physical fitness required for air crews and the specialist qualifications necessary for most of the airmen ranks, nearly 75 per cent. of applicants did not attain to the standards laid down, although these had been liberalized in important respects.

Mr. Fairbairn said that approximately 47,957 applications had been received for entry into the Air Force as ground maintenance personnel, and 8,500 for training as pilots, air observers and wireless operators-air gunners. These were most encouraging figures, and revealed the keen attraction service in the force had for Australian youth. It should not be taken, however, that all the men would be accepted.—Reuter.

Honan Anti-British Body Warns Americans

Must Not Accommodate Britons in Homes

Peiping, Mar. 18.

Supplemented by a threat to adopt "strict measures if the Americans in Honan do not change their attitude," the anti-British Committee of the Honan Province has once more issued a stern warning to the Americans, residing in Honan, not to give shelter to Britons. The Committee's warning expressed regret that the United States citizens hitherto did not heed the warning and accommodated Britons at their homes, "in complete disregard of the anti-British feeling of the Chinese population."

It is understood that the latest warning was issued following the arrival in Kaifeng on March 11 of three Britons accompanied by an American. These three Britons were later driven out of Kaifeng "as a result of the anti-British activities in Honan Province" according to vernacular press reports. The press added that the trio, believed to be missionaries, left Kaifeng in the morning of March 13, "secretly proceeding to Hsuchowfu."—Havas.

British Press Clamours for Allied Initiative

Scapa Flow Raid Intensifies Public Demand for Forceful War Cabinets; Paris Decision Imminent

London, Mar. 18.

THE German air raid on the British naval base at Scapa Flow on Saturday brought the first civilian casualties of the war and was expected today to result in the early intensification of aerial warfare over Britain and Germany. The German raid on Scapa Flow, political observers believed last night, may prove to be the spring-board for the long-awaited re-organization of the British Government under a War Cabinet.

The British press launched a campaign demanding more vigorous prosecution of the war by the British Government. This campaign was expected to be reinforced by public outcry for retaliation against the German raid in which one British civilian was killed and seven others, including two women, were wounded. The campaign probably will also involve bitter debates in the House of Commons this week, observers said.

The British public first heard of the German raid on Scapa Flow on the 1 p.m. B.B.C. broadcast yesterday. The raid was staged at 7.30 p.m. the previous evening. The attack, which followed three days of reconnaissance by German scouting planes, resulted in damage to at least one British warship. German claims were denied by the British Admiralty.

"Wake up to it," said Mr. J. L. Garvin in the "Observer." "The conduct of the war must be a total effort. A speed-up is wanted—real war Cabinet. The present defensive position is too passive and in some respects too negative....We have to wrest the initiative from Germany and wield it ourselves."

Asking what stood in the way of such action, Mr. Garvin replied, "Nothing but delay in making a total effort and in securing decisive leadership."

Previous Raids Listed

The first German air attack against the British Navy in home waters was staged on October 16 when German planes bombed the Firth of Forth and the Rosyth dockyard, killing sixteen persons and wounding 44. Scapa Flow was first bombed on October 17 when the Iron Duke was damaged by a German bomb. Since then there have been three raids on the Shetland Islands. On January 1 a bomb killed three sheep during an unsuccessful German raid. On January 24 British shipping was again raided and four bombs fell on a hillside without damage, according to official reports. On January 29 bombs were dropped in the sea without damaging British naval forces, it was reported.

A German reconnaissance plane also was sighted over the Firth of Forth on October 20 and a British convoy was attacked the following day on the North Sea.

German planes on November 22 bombed the Shetland Islands, setting fire to an anchored R.A.F. seaplane. No one was injured in this raid.—United Press.

French Decision Due Soon

Paris, Mar. 18.

By tonight at the latest the country should know whether the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, has decided to reshuffle his Cabinet or not, according to political observers.

The big debate in the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday on the Finnish situation may thus assume added importance, with the Deputies taking this opportunity to question the Government on the composition of the Cabinet.

There was much discussion in political circles during the week-end regarding the form which Cabinet changes might take. Formation of a "war Cabinet," of which M. Daladier would remain the head, was considered most likely. This might be accompanied by a general reshuffle of Ministries.

In other quarters it was thought probable that a former Prime Minister would be asked to take over the Foreign Ministry. It was also considered likely that a member of the present Government would be appointed France's first Minister of Information.—Reuter.

French Admiral Arrives In Turkey

Ankara, Mar. 17.

Admiral Mouren of the French Navy arrived here today. He has been invited by the Turkish Government to study questions pertaining to Turkey's passive defence.—Havas.

British Steamer Believed Lost with All Hands

London, Mar. 18.

The Newcastle steamer Tiberton (5,225 tons) is a month overdue. It is believed the vessel has been lost with all hands.—Reuter.

Lively Day on West Front Sector

French and Germans Clash In No-Man's-Land West Of Vosges Mountains

Paris, Mar. 18.

A sector of the Western Front west of the Vosges has been very animated during the past 24 hours.

One of the events there was an encounter in no-man's-land between a French "free group" (a small unit of men who volunteer for dangerous work) and a German detachment, composed of about 200 men. There was a short but lively engagement, in which the Germans suffered losses and the French had two missing.

Late yesterday the Germans attempted infiltration tactics immediately to the east of the Moselle, but were repulsed without difficulty by combined infantry and artillery fire.

It is surmised there is some vague connection between present diplomatic events and the sudden recrudescence of propaganda on the Rhine front, where Germans have been busy putting up streamers with slogans addressed to French troops. The French replied with bursts of machine-gun fire at the banners and the men trying to erect them.

"An enemy attempt to creep through to the east of the Moselle failed before our infantry and artillery fire," states the latest French communique on military operations on the Western Front. Marked activity of reconnaissance parties west of the Vosges was previously announced.—Reuter.

Allies' Obligations To Turkey

Form of Assistance Subject Of Triple Consultations

London, Mar. 18.

The Allies' military obligations to Turkey were the subject of a question in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked if a comprehensive plan existed between Great Britain and France to render immediately aid to Turkey if her integrity was threatened, or if it became expedient for her to go to the aid of a enighbouring state.

Mr. Butler replied that Britain and France were bound by their mutual assistance treaty to give Turkey all the aid and assistance in their power, in the event of her being involved in hostilities by any European power, and consequential aggression by that power against Turkey.

The form of such assistance had been, and continued to be, the subject of consultation between the three governments. These consultations, Mr. Butler added, had naturally taken into account the contingency referred to in the second part of the question.—Reuter.

Commons Suggestion of Peace Commission

Lord Halifax's Doubts Over Proposed Method

London, Mar. 18.

A world peace commission was suggested at question time in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Arthur Woodburn, Labour member for Stirling and Clackmannan, asked the Prime Minister whether the Government would be prepared to set up a League of Nations' Commission, at some suitable neutral place, to provide an opportunity for the public investigatian of all responsible proposals for conditions of permanent world peace, and for the judicial examination of the chief economic, territorial and racial problems, which made for war, and to discover whether there were principles for a peaceful settlement of international disputes which could be generally accepted by all nations.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying, said Mr. Woodburn's ultimate aims were no doubt widely desired, but Lord Halifax (Foreign Secretary) was not convinced that the precise method he proposed would be best under the circumstances.—Reuter.

British Government Securities

Minimum Price Announcement Surprises Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 18.

The new minimum prices of British Government securities announced today caused surprise in Stock Exchange circles, but it was generally recognized that they were long overdue, in view of the rise in giltedged prices, since the old minima were fixed last August.

The new prices are considered to be a step towards the stabilization of war finance on a three per cent. basis.

The London Stock Exchange, however, opened quietly, dealers preferring to examine the position thoroughly, before tendering advice to clients.—Reuter.

Rumania Wants Peace Which Respects Her Rights, Says Premier

Nation's Chief Concern Must Be on Strengthening Army and Defences; Minorities Support Government

Bucharest, Mar. 18.

"We want peace, but peace that respects our rights, and therefore we are on watch," declared the Rumanian Premier, M. George Tatarescu, in an important speech broadcast last night.

"Our main concern this year," he said, "must be the strengthening of our army and defences generally. An extraordinary credit of 30 milliards lei has been allotted to the army in the budget."

M. Tatarescu declared that the output of mines and oil fields must be increased to the maximum. He thought a great part of the difficulties facing the country had come to an end due to the Government's efforts to consolidate Rumania's position internationally and to make her strong internally.

Alluding to the reinstatement of the Iron Guards, the Premier said the policy of internal pacification was beginning to bear fruit in restoring peace among all sons of the nation.

Representatives of the German, Hungarian, Bulgarian and Polish minorities in the Chamber and Senate last night expressed loyalty, in a debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne.

Speaking for the German minority, Dr. Roth said they would do all they could to help in the arming and defence of the country.—Reuter.

Bucharest Denies Rumours

Bucharest, Mar. 18.

Competent quarters here categorically denied today that any offers to guarantee Rumania's frontiers had been made by certain powers in exchange for political or economic undertakings or counterparts. The rumour persists that contacts have taken place between Rome and Berlin, and between Berlin and Bucharest, for guaranteeing Rumania's frontiers.

Following the Iron Guard Party's submission to the Government, 114 members of this banned pro-Nazi organization were released from prison or confinement in their homes yesterday.—Havas.

European War May Be Long, But Reich Must Lose in End, Says Observer

Professor Brandt Sees Oil as Nazis' Achilles Heel; Small Nations Fear Berlin, Moscow

London, Mar. 18.

If the Allies play Germany's "sit-down game" the war may last a long time, but Germany will lose in the end, declares Professor Brandt, formerly of Berlin University and now of Stanford University, in a Scripps-Howard syndicated article, according to a special commentary issued here.

Germany is blockade-proof for at least two years if the present type of war continues, he states. Russia will not be able to give very much help as she cannot fill her own needs, according to the writer. Both Russia's and Germany's railway systems would be unable to transport oil on a large scale, he adds.

Forecasting that oil may be the Nazis' Achilles heel, the writer says that merely on the score of oil Germany is incapable of conducting full-scale land operations over an extended period. The professor's conclusion is that much depends on the nature of the war ahead; if the Allies play Germany's "sit-down game" the contest may last a long time, nevertheless Germany will lose in the end.

"In the third or fourth year the British and French Empire will be able to crush the Nazis by superior military forces," he predicts.

The "New York Herald-Tribune," the special commentary continues, in an analysis of the position of small nations and the pressures forcing them together, says the process is further along in Scandinavia, but even in the Balkans fear of the Reich and Russia may slowly overcome age-old hostilities.

"It must never be forgotten," the paper states, "that in the long run all such regional alliances are likely to be anti-German and Russian in tendency. It is from Germany and Russia, not from the Allies, that peril to the independence of small states in Europe is to be anticipated. This is the basic anxiety of all of them. There is a vast difference in degree and duration between the peril to be anticipated from yielding to German pressure and that from Allied pressure. It is a difference which the most ignorant Balkan peasant understands completely. It is indeed the key to understanding the present situation in that area."—Reuter.

Many New Buildings Completed in 1939

Public Works Report Details Extensive Operations; Roads Widened

UNDER the heading of constructions completed during 1939, the annual report of the Commissioner of Public Works records an extension of the engine room at Hongkew Fire Station, Woosung Road, and demolition and re-erection of the buildings of the Woosung Road Fire Sub-Station. At the Gordon Road Police Station the construction of a rickshaw licensing office, a vehicle licensing office, an additional floor to the Store block, and temporary stables, was completed.

Other new buildings included a temporary canteen at the West Hongkew Police Station, the conversion of workers' quarters into offices at the Yulin Road Police Station, the installation of marble columbaria at the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel, and a soldiers' memorial at the Hungjiao Cemetery.

Under the heading of roads, important widenings were effected in Szechuen Road, Honan Road, Hankow Road, Markham Road, Sinza Road, Gordon Road, Weihawei Road and other roads, involving 11,157 square yards of foundation and surface.

Altogether 2.526 miles of water-bound macadam and other road surfaces were replaced by cement concrete.

Sheet asphalt on cement concrete was used to replace the wood blocks between the tram tracks in Nanking Road, between Chekiang Road and The Bund.

Weihaiwei Road was widened and an awkward bend near Seymour Road was eliminated.

The often flooded part of Jessfield Road, north of Avenue Road, was reconstructed at a higher level.

Sewerage and Drainage

The construction, in reinforced concrete, of six additional sedimentation tanks at Western District Sewage works was completed and the centrifugal sludge separator was installed.

The laying of 5.06 miles of pipe, comprising 1.52 miles of surface and storm water drains, 1.59 miles of main sewer, and 1.95 miles of connections to private properties.

Flood prevention ramps were constructed at the Bund jetties. Additional flood pumps were installed in the pump station in Yu Ya Ching Road, Brenan Roan and Brenan Village. Special flood relief drains were laid in Tifeng Road north of Bubbling Well Road and Columbia Road north of Amherst Avenue.

The main feature of the year has been a further increase in the growth of heavy traffic noted last year and still more restricted supplies of materials for road maintenance. The iron-tyred hand-trolleys which do so much damage to the road surfaces have increased by 5,000 to 17,500, and the number of heavy motor freight vehicles is now 70 per cent. higher than before the hostilities. Nothing was received from the Council's Quarry during the year and the supplies of road stone from all sources were only 8 per cent. of the normal. Necessity has mothered the invention of means for reconditioning and re-using all materials from worn-out roads, and even pulverized crockery and sand reclaimed from old mortar has been pressed into service.

In spite of these handicaps, it has been possible to re-construct in concrete parts of Yu Ya Ching Road, Peking Road, Foochow Road, Szechuen Road, Honan Road, Great Western Road, Avenue Road, Connaught Road, Race Course Road, Markham Road and Weihaiwei Road, aggregating an area of 280,000 square feet. Portions of this work, in conjunction with the further widening of Weihaiwei Road, enabled the opening of a new trolley bus route connecting Jessfield Park with the Bund via Jessfield Road, Avenue Road, Hart Road, Sinza Road, Seymour Road, Weihaiwei Road and Foochow Road in November, and the extension of an omnibus route from Weihaiwei Road via Avenue Foch to the junction of Great Western Road and Tunsin Road earlier in the year.

In Fearon Road, between Kashing Road and Thorne Road, the completion of a new bunding permitted the construction of the road with reclaimed asphalt concrete.

To cope with the heavier traffic in the western extra-Settlement areas, reclaimed road metal was laid in western portions of Rockhill Avenue and Amherst Avenue, and the metalled portion of Brenan Road was widened between Jessfield Park and Keswick Road. Yenping Road was also surfaced with reclaimed road metal. In view of the shortage of first-class stone, it has now become necessary to separate it from old road metal recovered during repairs and, after suitable cleansing, re-use it in asphalt concrete and granolithic surfacing. The dust nuisance on ash roads has been met by the use of calcium chloride in a mixture of ash and a filler such as decomposed granite.

Progress has been made with the improved type of street lighting, eight miles of road being fitted with the cone-type shades to keep direct light from the driver's view.

The quantity of house refuse collected and disposed of continued to increase. The quantity collected daily averaged 1,600 tons, whilst the highest daily average for any one month was 2,200 tons and the lowest approximately 1,300 tons.

In the absence of the customary dredging in the Soochow Creek, the departmental dredger was used to keep the approaches to all refuse loading stations accessible.

Extensive Floods

Heavy rainfalls caused extensive flooding, particularly in the western extra-Settlement areas, with conseqent damage to macadam road surfaces. Extensive cleaning of main drains was carried out throughout the year and special relief drains were laid in Tifeng Road north of Bubbling Well Road and in Columbia Road between Amherst Avenue and the Fah Wah Creek. It was evident, however, that the natural creek drainage system west of the Settlement boundary had been irreparably damaged by the abnormal development of the area in the past two years, and that other means for discharging flood water would have to be found. Towards the end of the year, therefore, a scheme was started to utilize the main soil sewer from Tifeng Road to an outlet to the Soochow Creek west of Brenan Village, in conjunction with additional pumps in the sewage pumping stations for discharging flood water. Similar measures were taken at the Yu Ya Ching Road pumping station to discharge flood water from the vicinity of the large department stores in Nanking Road. The anti-tidal flooding measures on the Bund were improved by the construction of ramps at all jetties where river water could overflow onto the Bund.

Considerably more new drainage work was carried out than in 1938, 14,426 feet of pipe ranging in size from 6-inch diameter to 3-foot diameter having been laid, mainly in the Western District and the Western extra-Settlement roads.

There was also a considerable increase in the length of soil sewer laid, 12,307 feet of pipe ranging from 6-inch diameter to 21-inch diameter having been completed. 45,806 water-closets are now connected to the system.

The Eastern and Western Sewage Treatment Works were re-started in April, the new tanks at the Western Works being brought into use.

During the first six months of 1939 there was an exceptional increase in building activity, due principally to the industrial boom which reached its height in June of this year and resulted in the construction of a large number of medium sized factory buildings. Most of the development took place in the northern part of the Western District, an area which has now become almost exclusively industrial in character. Since the end of June, however, building activity has decreased due to the fall in the value of the dollar, difficulties in procuring raw materials and the scarcity and high cost of building materials. Despite this decrease, the number of building permits issued during the year was very much higher than it has been in any one year since 1934.

Building Permits

Altogether 4,554 applications for permits for new buildings were received (compared with 3,060 in 1938), of which 2,470 were approved. The total estimated value of buildings for which permits have been issued is $21,837,190, compared with $11,500,060 in 1938, an increase of $10,337,170. The estimated value of minor building operations for which 6,615 General Permits were issued is $1,646,360, compared with $1,437,500 in 1938, an increase of $208,860.

The buildings for which permits were issued included 1,873 Chinese houses and shops (compared with 1,799 in 1938), 90 foreign-styled residences (compared with 50 in 1938), 2 office buildings, 24 foreign-styled stores (compared with 56 in 1938), 9 schools, 1 cotton mill, 105 factories, 120 other industrial buildings, 16 garages and 1,661 other structures, making a total of 3,901 (compared with 3,182 in 1938). The number of sanitary installations for which permits were issued amounted to 255 (compared with 109 in 1938), comprising 2,715 basins. The demolition of old buildings comprised 243 Chinese houses (compared with 319 in 1938) and 40 foreign buildings (compared with 3 in 1938). The net increase in Chinese houses is 1,630 (compared with 1,480 in 1938).

Chinese Authority to Take Over Property

Restoration Proclamation By Lieut.-Gen. Fujita

Private Chinese industrial and mining properties, in the custody of the Japanese Army, will gradually be surrendered to Chinese authority for eventual restoration to its rightful Chinese owners, Lieut.-Gen. Susumu Fujita, commander-in-chief of the Japanese Army in the Shanghai area, announced in a proclamation issued here last night.

These properties, the proclamation said, were placed in the custody of the Japanese Army as a "temporary measure" with the double objective of providing a livelihood to a large number of Chinese dependent upon those industries and with a view to preventing damage to those properties whose owners had abandoned by evacuating the area before the arrival of the Japanese forces.

These properties surrendered by the Japanese Army would be restored to "those rightful owners who shall pledge loyal allegiance to the new régime and who recognize the new relations between Japan and China."

Factories or other enterprises co-operating with the Chungking régime, or with third-party nationals whose countries support the régime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, would not be returned by the Chinese governmental authorities after they receive them from the Japanese Army, it was further understood.

Excluded from restitution for the duration of the hostilities would also be plants producing materials essential to the satisfactory pursuit of Japanese military operations or necessary for strategical purposes, it was also reported.

Hungarian Premier To Visit Rome

Budapest, Mar. 18.

The Prime Minister, Count Paul Teleki, will visit Italy during Easter. An official announcement describes the trip as a holiday. Count Teleki, it is added, will spend two days in Rome, and though the visit will be private, "he will naturally visit Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano" (Italian Foreign Minister).—Reuter.

Copper Mine Workers Strike in Rhodesia

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Johannesburg, Mar. 18.

About 650 workers at the Mufilira copper mine in the Nkana concession of the Luanshya district of northern Rhodesia declared a strike yesterday, demanding increased wages and other concessions. It was expected that workers in other mines of the Nkana area will walk out in sympathy today.—Reuter.

Japanese Training Ship Here

The Taisei Maru, four-masted barque, training ship of the Tokyo Higher Mercantile School, arrived in Shanghai Sunday morning with 60 cadets, 15 officers and 30 members of the ship's crew on board, on her return journey from her 60th ocean cruise. The above picture shows the barque berthed alongside the N.Y.K. Mail Wharf after she had been towed upriver by a Japanese naval tug. The ship's personnel went sightseeing in Shanghai yesterday, will tour Nanking today and return to Shanghai tomorrow to show the training ship to Japanese school children and residents on Thursday and Friday. The Taisei Maru will sail from Shanghai on Saturday.

British War Loan Over-Subscribed

Sir John Simon Welcomes Minimum Price Ruling on Government Securities

London, Mar. 18.

Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the Three Per Cent. War Loan had been over-subscribed.

Referring to the issue of Government securities in future, Sir John said the policy of the Government was to aim at the stability of interest rates, and to secure that the yield offered on future loans of whatever type should, after making due allowance for such factors as the periods of the loans, be in agreement with the level of the interest rates established by the terms of the recent Two Per Cent. Conversion Loan and the Three Per Cent. Loan just issued.

In these circumstances, the Chancellor said, he welcomed the action taken today by the Committee of the London Stock Exchange, in announcing the revised list of minimum prices for Government securities. The new minima bore a closer relationship between the existing prices than those fixed on the outbreak of the war, and might be taken as evidence of the desire on the part of the authorities concerned to co-operate in the policy of maintaining interest rates at the present level.

Sir John Simon added larger applicants had been allotted about 80 per cent. of the Loan. He added: "I shall want some more later on."—Reuter.

Il Duce, Fuehrer End Parley at Frontier

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Signor Mussolini, but hitherto there is nothing to indicate that Mr. Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State, is connected with it.

Officials of the Department of State withhold comment but well-informed political quarters are inclined to believe that the meeting points rather to a German peace move than towards Italy's joining forces with her ally.

It is thought possible that the talk is to enable Signor Mussolini to give Herr Hitler the final word to Mr. Welles.

Recent advices from Italy do not indicate that the talk has been prepared to make any overt move against Great Britain and France.—Reuter.

Paris Anticipated Move

Paris, Mar. 17.

The meeting of Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini had been generally expected this spring on Germany's initiative with the Reich seeking Italy's support for her peace offensive.

There seems to be every indication that Italy will not take the initiative to end the war without being in agreement with the United States. Such an agreement was apparently reached when Il Duce conferred with Mr. Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State, and was informed of President Roosevelt's latest views on the possibility of bringing about peace in Europe.

According to another view, Germany is planning strong peace pressure to be exerted simultaneously by Germany, Italy, and Soviet Russia, and this accounts for the Reich's attempts to bring Italy and Soviet Russia closer together. However, Fascist circles have often stated that the Italian Ambassador in Moscow will not return to his post and that Moscow must make the gesture first.—Havas.

Bishop Aids in Ending Dublin Strike

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Dublin, Mar. 18.

The strike of Dublin municipal employees has ended, following intervention by the Catholic Bishop of Thasos. All city services are expected to be restored tomorrow. The strike started about three weeks ago, when municipal employees demanded increased wages because of the increased price of commodities.—Reuter.

Norwegian Ship Sinks After Collision

Oslo, Mar. 18.

The Norweigian ship Pasra, 5,450 tons, sank today following a collision in the North Sea. Her crew of 26 men were rescued by another Norwegian ship, according to the newspaper "Haugesunds Dagblad."—Havas.

R.A.F. Bomb Nazi Vessels During Heligoland Raid

(Continued from page 7)

The mate and second engineer of the Beaconlea fired on the German planes with rifles. One of these guns also jammed, but the second engineer said he was certain he had hit a German plane once.

Another member of the Avonde crew said the trawler was headed for port during the Scapa Flow raid. "There was terrific gunfire in the Scapa Flow area," he reported, "and in the gathering darkness starshells could be seen lighting up the sky."—United Press.

Dutch Collier Sinks After Striking Mine

Nazi Planes Machine-Gun Neutral Ship in North Sea

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Amsterdam, Mar. 18.

The Rotterdam 2,248-ton collier, Saint Annaland, which was subjected to machine-gun fire by a German aeroplane in the North Sea a fortnight ago, struck a mine yesterday and sank. The crew was saved by another Rotterdam collier named Schieland, which was also a victim of the machine-gun attack.

The crew of the Dutch motorship Nettir (477 tons), which arrived at Flushing last night, said the ship was bombed and machine-gunned by a German aeroplane off the south-east coast of England. Nobody was hurt and no damage was done.

The Nettir landed two castaways from the British steamer Melrose, which sank after an explosion at Zeebrugge on Saturday.—Reuter.

Congratulations Pour in For Mr. Chamberlain

Prime Minister Observes Birthday by Working

London, Mar. 18.

Hundreds of telegrams poured in today to the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, congratulating him on his 71st birthday, but, in spite of the occasion, the British statesman spent the day in characteristic activity.

Towards the end of the morning, Mr. Chamberlain presided over a meeting of his War Cabinet, while in the afternoon he answered a number of questions in the House of Commons. Later he held a number of conferences with his ministers and a number of high British government officials.—Havas.

Premier Cheered in Commons

London, Mar. 18.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who was 71 today, was received with general cheers when he rose to answer the first question put to him in the House of Commons, and was unable to reply for a considerable period. Mr. Chamberlain seemed touched by the greeting, and smiled to members in all parts of the House.—Reuter.

Chinese Not Recruited For Work in France

London, Mar. 18.

There was no truth in the reports being circulated in North China that Chinese coolies were secretly recruited in North China, and taken to France to dig trenches on the Western Front, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Asked what steps had been taken to counteract this "Japanese propaganda," Mr. Butler replied the attention of the Japanese authorities in North China had already been drawn to the untruthfulness of the reports.—Reuter.

Nazi Aviators Interned In Holland

London, Mar. 18.

The entire crew of four of the German plane which made a forced landing in Holland were discovered this morning hidden in a farm. They will be interned in Holland for the duration of the war.—Havas.

Swiss Fire on Foreign Planes

Berne, Mar. 18.

Foreign planes twice flew over Swiss territory this morning. Anti-aircraft guns went into action and Swiss fighters took to the air.—Reuter.

New Regime and Third Powers

Other Party Rights Will Be Discussed; Attitude to Present Treaties

The question of the "lawfully acquired rights and interests" of third party Powers in territory which will be controlled by the new Central Government under Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and their maintenance and preservation under this régime, were discussed at length by a Japanese Embassy spokesman yesterday. The new government, through its leaders, he stated, had made it quite clear that it intended to respect the "lawfully acquired rights of the Powers in China" and the Japanese had also made it quite clear that they did not intend to infringe on those rights.

The discussion arose at the press conference yesterday when a correspondent asked if, in view of a previous statement that third Powers would be compelled to have dealings with the new government over their interests in occupied territory, these Powers would have to approach the Nanking "Government" on all questions or would they still be allowed to negotiate in Tokyo.

Discussed on Merits

Questions relating to military operations, the spokesman replied, would have to be referred to Tokyo. Other matters would be dealt with by the new régime. The latter were no concern of the Japanese Government. "There must have been a number of questions which were taken up by the Powers with the former Nanking Government. They will have to do the same now," he continued.

Asked if the Japanese authorities were handing over the responsibility of preserving law and order to the new government, the spokesman stated that this matter would have to be settled after the formation of the new régime.

All questions involving third Powers would have to be studied, principally by the new government, on their merits. If a British firm wanted to establish a new factory in Manchoukuo it would have to negotiate with the Manchoukuo authorities and not the Japanese. The same applied in China, the spokesman said.

Respect for Foreign Rights

Japan had announced that she intended to respect the independence and sovereign rights of China, and the new government, which had this independence and sovereign rights, in turn had announced that it intended to respect the "lawfully acquired rights of the Powers in China." International relations, the spokesman went on, were only established when there was recognition but there could be *de facto* dealings with the new government.

Asked what he meant by "lawfully acquired rights," the spokesman stated that these were rights acquired under treaties. Further questioned as to whether or not the new government would respect these treaties, which had been signed with the former Government in occupied areas, he stated that treaties might be compared with old clothes.

"If your clothes fit you when you are small they don't fit you any more when you have grown and it is time to change them," the spokesman stated. "When you have ill-fitting clothes and you go visiting people you try to hide that they are ill-fitting but, when you are by yourself, you may show the exposed parts not covered by your clothes. If your parents are wealthy they can buy you some more."

Japan and Treaties

"Does it mean that when the Japanese signed the Nine Power Treaty she was still in her infancy?" a correspondent asked. To this the spokesman replied that it would be inaccurate to say "infancy" but at that time Japan was still growing. "If this is Japanese philosophy anyone making a treaty with Japan can expect it to be only a temporary one," the questioner continued. "Reality imposes the necessity of revising international law," replied the spokesman.

He added that from a legalistic viewpoint it was only correct to denounce a treaty and to keep to it until this happened. Not all circumstances, however, could be discussed from a legalistic viewpoint. He was then asked if treaties entered into by the previous Nanking Government would be valid.

"There is general consent under international law as to which obligations a new state will succeed to or which obligations it will not succeed to," he stated.

Armed Robbers Active In Evening Hours

Money, jewellery and clothing valued at over $1,000 were carried away by six gangsters, two of them armed with pistols who forced their way into a Chinese home at House 29, Lane 66, Yu Yuen Road at 7.20 p.m. yesterday. They intimidated the occupants, ransacked the place and finally departed before an alarm could be raised.

Hold-up men went into action in Hongkew district at 8.10 p.m. yesterday when they forced a lone Chinese pedestrian to hand over money, jewellery and clothing valued at $400. The attack was made on Arthur Road near East Seward Road. The five thugs taking part, escaped.

Even barbershops are not safe against armed thugs these days. At 7.40 p.m. last night, for instance, two men, one armed with a pistol stole money and clothing from one of these establishments at 116 Yalu Road. The value of the loot was about $40.

At 9 p.m. yesterday, four men, three of them armed with pistols, intimidated the occupants in a food shop at 282 Liaoyang Road and stole $83. They escaped before an alarm could be raised.

All these cases are now being investigated by the Settlement police.

Foreign Planes Fly Over Norway

Oslo, Mar. 18.

Two foreign planes, of unknown nationality, flew at a great altitude over Bergen yesterday, March 17, the Norwegian authorities announced today. The planes disappeared westward after they were fired on by the anti-aircraft batteries of the fortress at Bergen.—Havas.

French Government Contract Racket

Paris, Mar. 18.

The Government has announced measures similar to those planned by Britain to prohibit, under heavy penalties, all canvassing by unauthorized persons to procure Government contracts.—Reuter.

Japanese Occupy Lingshan City

Strategic Important Inland Centre; Chinese Admit Fighting in Area

Nanning, Mar. 18.

Slashing their way in furious hand-to-hand fighting, Japanese troops last night entered Lingshan, pivotal traffic centre in southwestern Kuangtung near the Kwangsi border, field dispatches reaching here today said.

Situated 120 km. north of Pakhoi, a harbour facing the Gulf of Tongking, Lingshan was, until the Japanese occupation of Nanning last November, an important inland depot for goods.

Four Japanese units, yesterday evening, launched a simultaneous attack upon the town. Late last night they were reported here to be partly engaged in mopping-up Chinese remnants within the walled town, while another group pursued fleeing Chinese.—Domei.

Fighting Reported in Area

Chungking, Mar. 18.

Fighting on the Kwangsi-Kwangtung border is going on at villages west of Lingshan, according to Chinese dispatches received here today.

A northern Japanese column, which pushed south-eastward from Nanning, is said to have reached Shapingyu, north-west of Lingshan, yesterday morning.

A centre column, it is stated, reached Chiuchowyu, west of Lingshan, on March 16, while a third column pushing north-eastward from Siaotung, on the highway to Yamchow, is reported to have advanced as far as Sinpingyu.—Reuters Pacific Service.

Detachments Trap Chinese Units

Canton, Mar. 18.

Four divisions of Chinese troops were gradually being hemmed into a fast narrowing circle east of the Nanning-Yamchow highway as Japanese detachments tightened a cordon, field dispatches reaching here today said.

About 3,000 Chinese in the mountainous region west of Lingshan were completely trapped, resulting in numerous surrenders, the dispatches added.

Japanese army planes were keeping a close watch for Chinese escaping north and crossing the West River, according to the messages.—Domei.

F.O. Spokesman Refers to Statements on Silver

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Asked about the actual status of the Tientsin silver question, the Foreign Office spokesman at the press conference today replied that his statement and a similar statement by the British Embassy at Tokyo on March 16 made the situation clear. Negotiations, however, were still going on between Japan and Great Britain, he added.

The spokesman hoped that an agreement would be reached between the two countries before long.

The statements referred to declared that "press reports to the effect that an agreement has been reached, or is on the point of being reached, on the Tientsin silver question, are without foundation."—Reuter.

Danube Floods Grow Serious

Budapest, Mar. 18.

The flooding of the regions on both sides of the Danube has reached the proportions of a disaster, as the level of the river rose no less than three metres yesterday alone. Enormous damage has already been done, and the population in the flooded areas are being evacuated as fast as possible. The Budapest-Trieste and Budapest-Zagreb railway lines have been interrupted. The number of victims of the flood is not yet known.—Havas.

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Finnish Delegation Returns to Moscow

Border Delimitation, Trade Talks to Be Pursued

Helsinki, Mar. 19.

The Finnish delegates, led by M. Juho Kusti Paasikivi, Minister without Portfolio, left Helsinki this morning for Moscow.

Their negotiations will deal with the exact delimitations of the new frontiers, re-establishment of diplomatic relations, and the settlement of all economic questions.

The instruments of ratification of the Soviet-Finnish peace treaty will be exchanged on March 20.—Havas.

Kitahuku Maru Sends S.O.S. in Pacific

San Francisco, Mar. 18.

The Netherlands steamship Tjibesar yesterday was rushing to the assistance of the Japanese steamship Kitahuku in answer to an S.O.S. the steamship President Taft said in a message picked up here last night.

The Kitahuku Maru gave its position as latitude 28.37 north, longitude 126.18 east, the President Taft said and the Tjibesar was 140 miles away from that point. No information could be obtained as to the reason for the Kitahuku's message.—United Press.

U.S. Freighter Aground Off Yokosuka

Yokohama, Mar. 18.

Carrying a full load of scrap iron and cotton from San Pedro, Cal., to Yokohama, the 6,513-ton Ripley Brothers freighter Creek ran aground off the naval base of Yokosuka today.—Domei.

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Bombing Causes Raid Alarm in London

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

Thinking German raiders had arrived, telephone girls of an air raid precaution unit jumped out of their beds in a hut behind Paddington Town Hall yesterday at the roar of an exploding bomb followed by a shower of glass.

There were no German raiders. The bomb was believed to have been planted by I.R.A. sympathisers. No one was injured. Only windows were damaged.—Reuter.

Kobayashi to Head Tokyo Mission to Italy

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Mr. Ichizo Kobayashi, director of the Economic Federation of Japan and Chairman of the board of directors of the Tokyo Electric Light Company, on Saturday informally accepted an offer from the Foreign Office to become vice-chairman of the Japanese Economic Mission to Italy, it was learned today.—Domei.

FOOD PROBLEM WITH GASTRITIS

For years, doctors wanted to find a food that would not irritate the inflamed stomach walls of patients suffering from gastritis and that at the same time would rebuild the patient's strength. In severe cases of gastritis solid foods are out of the question, even liquid foods are often vomited. Yet the patient needs quick new strength to rebuild his exhausted body. In Horlicks, doctors and nurses have found an ideal food.

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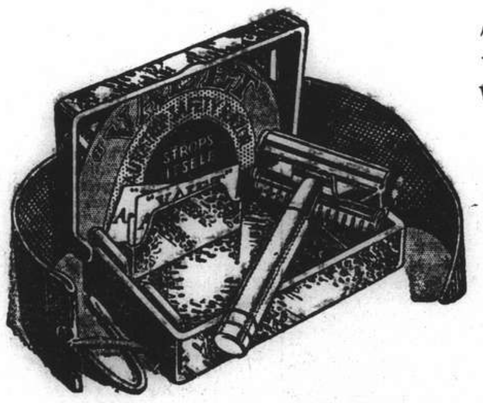
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FROM DAY TO DAY

MRS. P. G. Calcina left on Saturday in the ss. Kaiping for Chinwangtao.

MR. L. T. Beddow of Messrs. Thomson & Co., Tientsin, left for Chinwangtao on Saturday in the ss. Kaiping.

THE programme this week, March 21, at the Rotary Club meeting, will consist of sound movies of Canada's industries, to be shown by Mr. R. Hubert of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

AIMING to promote cultural co-operation between Japan and China following the formation of the new Central Government of China, a Sino-Japanese cultural society is expected to be established soon according to the "Tairiku Shimpo" yesterday.

MEMBERS of the British Women's Association and their friends are reminded that bookings for the Children's Easter Party on March 23, close definitely on Thursday at noon. There will be no bookings at the door.

"AT the next meeting of the "Keys" Club, scheduled for 6.15 p.m. on Wednesday, in the auditorium of the Y.W.C.A., 999 Bubbling Well Road, there will be a lantern-slide lecture by Dr. A. Miorini. All those interested, members or not, are invited to attend.

THERE will be celebrations of Holy Communion this morning in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. and again at 10.30 a.m. There will be a specially-arranged Holy Week Service in the Cathedral this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, when Bishop Curtis will deliver the second in his series of Holy Week addresses.

BY order of General Chiang Kai-shek, Executive General of the Kuomintang and concurrently Chairman of the Szechuen Provincial Government, more financial and banking facilities will be provided throughout the province by the end of this year, says a Chengtu message to the "Shun Pao."

ON the Nanking Theological Seminary book review hour, today at 6.30 p.m., Christian Broadcasting station XMHD (760 kilocycles), Dr. F. P. Jones will review some of the works of Charles Harold Dodd, professor at Cambridge University, and an outstanding New Testament scholar.

WITH a view to studying conditions in various schools and party groups, the Ministry of Organization of the Kuomintang will shortly send a party of educational experts will make an inspection tour in Chungking, Chengtu, Kweiyang, Kunming, and other cities in the North-west provinces, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE American people are very sympathetic towards China and the Chinese people in their present national resistance against aggression, declared Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, and head of the Chinese delegation to the conference of the Institute of International Pacific Relations held recently in Canada, during a press interview in Hongkong on March 16 following his arrival from Manila, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE Chief Officer of the Shanghai Municipal Fire Brigade reports that during February 65 calls were received, made up of 49 genuine fire, six false alarms (good intent), two malicious, one chimney fire and seven emergency calls. Damage done at fires within the Settlement and Special Rated Area was estimated at $69,257 in Settlement and $555,600 in the Special Rated Area. Lives lost, civilians nine and injuries, civilians 28, fire brigade seven. During the month the emergency ambulance service conveyed 710 patients to the various hospitals.

THE health report of the French Municipality for the week ending March 16, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 6 and Chinese 230. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, typhus fever 1; pnumonia 1 and tuberculosis 1 each. Chinese, tuberculosis 13; dysentery 5; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 5; pneumonia 5; beri-beri 2 and diphtheria, cerebrospinal meningitis, measles, varicocele 1 each.

THE 23rd meeting of the board of directors of the Sino-British Cultural Association was held in Chungking on March 16, with Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, presiding, says a Chungking message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Among those present at the meeting were Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Publicity; Dr. Loh Chia-lun, President of the National Central University; Dr. Chu Chia-hua, Minister of Organization of the Kuomintang, Messrs. Chang Tao-fan, Chang Ping-chun and Han Li-wu, Secretary-General to the association. Sir Archibald and Lady Kerr and over 20 others were voted as new members of the association, the report states.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight March 16, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 10 and Chinese 841. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 1, and Chinese, tuberculosis 54; typhoid fever 36; dysentery 7; diphtheria 5; beri-beri 5; influenza 3; relapsing fever 3; measles 2 and cerebrospinal fever, malaria, typhus fever, schistosomiasis 1 each. 100 rats were examined, plague-infected none.

AT a meeting of the committee of the British United Services Association held on Thursday last Messrs. W. P. Rial and F. Miners were coopted to serve on the committee and Messrs. A. H. Atkins and Hugh Martin joined the committee under the provisions of the new rules being past chairmen of the association. Mr. S. Tweedie was re-elected Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Albert Pullen remains Secretary to the Association. Various Sub-committees were formed and it was decided to proceed with the scheme to improve the War Memorial. British ex-service men who have served their country in any war who are not members of the association are invited to communicate with the secretary at room 403, 45, Kiukiang Road.

War Risk Insurance Claim Heard in U.S Court

Chinese Engineering Works Demand Payment of U.S. $27,170 For Losses in Yangtzepoo

CLAIMING U.S.$27,170.65 for losses sustained during fighting in Yangtszepoo in 1937, the Hwa Tung Electrical & General Engineering Works, represented by Mr. C. S. Franklin, appeared as the plaintiffs before Judge Milton J. Helmick in the United States Court for China yesterday. The Home Insurance Co., represented by Mr. Harris G. Nelson, of Sellett & Nelson, were the defendants and the hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today after Mr. Yao Teh-fu, senior partner of the plaintiff firm had given evidence and had been partially cross-examined by the defence.

In the witness box, Mr. Yao said that he was 57 years old and that he had first come to Shanghai from his native Ningpo at the age of 9. After an apprenticeship in an engineering works, witness continued, he joined the S.M.C. Electricity Department where he remained for about 16 years, when he resigned to establish his own firm together with some friends.

In reply to a question, witness stated that at present there were three partners in the firm. Witness owns 6 shares, Mr. C. N. Yao owns 4½, and Mr. F. C. Woo holds 1½ shares. A partnership agreement had originally been drawn up, witness added, but since then the firm had increased its capital and this document was thus amended. The partnership, he added, had not been registered with the Chinese Government. Witness no longer had his copy of the partnership agreement because it was locked up in the safe at the factory at 959 Point Road when he left the premises on August 14, 1937, and the safe had since been forced open and its contents lost.

Of the three partners, witness is the manager of the firm, Mr. C. N. Yao is the chief of the General Affairs Department, and Mr. F. C. Woo does not work in the firm, a further question by Mr. Franklin revealed.

Firm Expands

Witness told the court that the factory originally manufactured electric appliances, especially switches, in the old premises at Dixwell Road some ten years ago. The plant was expanded considerably when the factory removed to the Point Road premises, where, at the beginning of August 1937, transformers, switches, railway signals, dynamos, desk-fans, radiators, fuses, and electric metres were being turned out. The production of electric horns, flour bleaching machines and all other appliances required by the electrical industry was also under way. The firm did business with customers all over China and desk fans were being exported to the Strait Settlements, witness added. More than 900 workmen and a staff of 50 in the technical and business offices were in the employ of the firm at the outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai, he continued.

Questioned with regard to the book-keeping system used by the firm, witness stated that Chong Chien-fah, chief accountant, kept one set of books, while the store-keeper had another set in which all goods entering and leaving the store rooms were registered.

In referring to August 13, 1937, witness said that he was in the factory on that day and that work was stopped at 5 p.m., which is half an hour before the usual time. Fighting had already started in Chapei, witness added, and the workmen, many of whom were living there, wished to return to their homes and refused to continue work. They were told to come back the next morning at 11 o'clock to draw their pay. About 100 employees turned up the following day, and they were told to call at the temporary office on Rue Boppe, in the French Concession, as the accountant who was supposed to bring the money for the wages had not arrived.

Books Lost

In answer to another question, witness stated that he told his store-keeper to take all the books he had, but witness was unable to take his own set of books because these were locked in the safe the keys to which were in the possession of the chief accountant.

Witness added that he first returned to the factory in 1938, in the company of an employee of the insurance company. He had been unable to go there previously because he could not obtain the necessary pass.

Reverting once again to the events in August 1937, witness said that when he closed up the factory he ordered two Chinese watchmen, who had previously been engaged through the S.M.P., to remain on the premises. They appeared in his temporary office on August 19, when they reported that fighting was going on, and it was impossible to send them back.

In reply to further questions from Mr. Franklin, witness stated that the factory had been insured against fire and war-risk with the defendant firm. The premiums on both policies, U.S.$435 and U.S.$750 respectively, had been duly paid.

After having received reports from two different sources, to the effect that the factory had been severely damaged, witness continued, he wrote a letter to the defendants informing them of what had happened.

Coming back again to the fighting, witness said that through a Japanese friend, he had been in a position to engage a Japanese to guard the factory at a monthly remuneration of $300. This employee remained on the premises until May 1938.

Correspondence Read

Mr. Franklin then read a number of letters exchanged between plaintiffs and defendants. In one of the insurance company's letters, plaintiff was informed that as no damage had been caused by shells, the company was unable to admit liability in keeping with the terms of the policy.

Reference was then made to a report by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy, on the state of the premises. According to the surveyors' findings, the main gate, while found locked, seemed to have been opened since it was originally locked by witness on August 14.

A large hole was also stated to have been made in a wall of the building, while inside evidence of belligerent activities had been found as holes had been made in the wall and cartridge cases of Japanese origin were strewn over the floor. The contents of all desks, drawers and other furniture had been damaged, while machines, bars of mild steel and steel plates, appeared to be in good order, although they were rusty.

Mr. Nelson pointed out that the inspection in question had been made nearly two months after the expiration of the policy on October 2, 1937.

Before opening the afternoon hearing, Judge Helmick ordered the plaintiff to post a security for costs of U.S.$200.

Continuing his evidence, Mr. Yao said that since October 1938, he had opened a small factory on Edinburgh Road, employing 200 men. He added that he had been unable to occupy the Point Road premises because the Japanese had been in occupation since the latter half of 1938.

When the Japanese watchman left the premises, witness added, an Italian was engaged, but he was ordered to leave as meanwhile the Japanese authorities had conferred with the Italian Consulate-General.

During his visit to the Point Road plant in 1938, witness continued, he was accompanied by Mr. W. T. C. Cromby, of Nielsen & Malcolm, and he found that a part of the big machinery was still there, while some of it was gone. In 1939, following negotiations with the Japanese authorities, witness said he was able to remove seven or eight lathes.

Cross-examining the witness, Mr. Nelson asked whether Mr. H. F. Yao, employed by William Hunt & Co., was a relative of his. Witness said that he was his nephew.

After dealing at some length with the question of partnership in the plaintiff firm, Mr. Nelson asked witness to show him on a photograph where the various offices and show-rooms were located.

Witness admitted that he had rented a godown on Broadway in which he kept six or seven truck-loads of insulators. After reference was again made to the inspection of the premises by witness and Mr. Cromby, counsel for the defence asked what had actually been found missing from the factory. Witness said that nearly all the fans and radiators had been taken but that the major portion of other equipment still remained on the premises.

The case was then adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

19 Robber Suspects In Court

Police Allege Series of Robberies Against Them

Nineteen robber suspects arrested by the Louza and Chengtu Road police were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention and, judging from the allegations made by the police in court, their conviction might lead the authorities to solve the mystery surrounding several crimes recently committed in the Settlement including the hold-up staged in a rice shop at 247 Yates Road on Sunday night.

Five of the detained men, including a former employee of the rice shop, were alleged by the police to have participated in the robbery in one way or the other. The crime, it was said, was committed shortly after 7 p.m. when eight men broke into the shop at the closing time posing as customers and later ran away with more than $5,000 in cash and other valuables. Since a former employee who was recently dismissed went to the shop to take out his baggage about half an hour before the crime the Chengtu Road police thought that it might be an inside job.

Investigations later led the officers to visit a Chekiang Road hotel where the accused were arrested. It was alleged by the Municipal Advocate that the dismissed employee and three others might have connived with robbers actually participating in the crime. Of the five men only one was said to have been identified by the victim as a real robber. This fifth man was caught while entering the hotel room to meet the other four during the visit paid by the police it was further alleged.

The other 14 suspects were arrested in two separate raids conducted in two hotels by the Louza police. Several of them are women. They were alleged to have committed or involved in numerous crimes. The court was told that the fact had been established that some of them were responsible for the robbery committed on December 27 of last year in a wool shop in Myburgh Road which was victimized to the extent of more than $1,300.

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Twenty dollars will take care of a delivery case at the Shanghai Public Maternity Hospital and $500 will endow a bed for a year, it was stated in announcing the opening of a campaign for $50,000 for the maintenance of the only free institution of its kind in the city.

The hospital was inaugurated in May, 1938, and for the past 22 months has rendered medical and surgical services to no less than 6,000 in-and-out-patients and brought into the world nearly 1,200 babies. Despite the high cost of living in Shanghai, the hospital has succeeded in giving good service to 1,331 obstetrical cases at the amazingly low cost of $1 per patient.

The hospital is now calling on the public for financial support. The new services will include the establishment of a net work of maternal clinics in the industrial areas to help destitute mothers who are unable personally to visit the hospital.

Organized by women leaders of Shanghai and fostered by nearly all charitable organizations then in existence, the institution was established as an emergency measure for the hundreds of refugee mothers who had flocked to Shanghai from the war areas. Although only 10 babies were delivered at the Centre during the first month of its existence, in December the same year the total rose to 91, which in view of its limited space and equally limited personnel far exceeded its capacity to handle. The peak was reached in last November when 101 deliveries were made at the hospital.

After functioning for nearly 11 months in Range Road the Centre had to seek a new home. An invitation was extended to it to occupy jointly the Red Cross Emergency Hospital premises at 737 Weihaiwei Road. This continues to be the home of the Centre under its new name.

Miss Dorothy Shen of Peiping is now head of the Hospital and with Mr. T. C. Pan as chairman of the board of directors, the Hospital has the services of the following doctors as consultants: Drs. Ames Wong, Z. T. Wang, Walter Pott and Blondel Hsu. The resident doctor at the hospital is Dr. W. T. Wu, who has serviced the institution since its inception.

$10,000 Received

A donation of $10,000 has been received from the China Child Welfare, Inc., of New York, it was announced yesterday by the Shanghai Public Maternity Hospital.

Although only $5,000 was received from the New York organization last year, the amount was increased this year, it was learned, in view of the increased needs of the institution.

In presenting the cheque for the amount to an official of the hospital, Mr. J. A. Mackay, representative of the New York organization here, stated he was deeply pleased with the accomplishments of the hospital since its establishment.

It was also learned that contributions were pouring into the office of the hospital's campaign treasurer, Mr. Walter Yu, Room 512, 113 Kiangse Road. Contributions may be sent directly to Mr. Yu or be given to "captains" of the campaign.

The following items of donations have been acknowledged:—

Molly Tsang	$121	Tsang F S	10
Economy G	1 50	Hsu I Dr	10
Hu Y S	1	Wong A	10
Sar Mrs	2	Wu Jack	10
Nyi Mrs	2	Sze Sze-ming	10
Ying S S	12	Zee T A Maj	10
Chen Miss	20	Li K T	100
Chen C S	2	Culbertson C D	30
Wong Mrs	1	Fistere J Jr	100
Loh Mrs	2	Cheng John	10
Wong W	10	Fan R	10
Sung Wm	10	Keng C F	10
China Child Welfare Inc N Y			$10,000

Total Acknowledged $10,553

New Demands Made at Shanghai Dockyards

Further demands were presented by representatives of the over 900 striking workers at the Shanghai Dockyards in Yangtszepoo yesterday afternoon. The strike started last Thursday morning and resulted in scores of dockers creating a disturbance which delayed the sailing of the Norwegian freighter Fernmoor. Subsequently all the workers left the yards.

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The Holy Week In Shanghai

Three Services Daily in Holy Trinity Cathedral; Catholic Celebrations

Holy Week services are being held daily in Holy Trinity Cathedral until Thursday. There are celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30 and 10.30 a.m. and these are followed at 5.30 p.m. by a special afternoon service.

On Good Friday there will be Matins with Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. at which the preacher will be Bishop Curtis. From 12 noon until 3 p.m. there will be a three hours' service and there will be a special Chinese service from 3.15 until 5.15. The latter service will be conducted by Bishop Roberts. At 6 p.m. a Passion Music service takes place.

On Saturday there will be Ante-Communion at 8.45 a.m. and a preparation service at 5.30 p.m. The usual services follow on Sunday.

Holy Week services will be held in all the Catholic churches of Shanghai, beginning on Maundy Thursday. At St. Joseph's Church, Rue Montauban, a Maundy Thursday service will be held at 8 a.m., with the Divine Office at 5.30 p.m. on that day. The "Stabat Mater" will be chanted at 8 a.m. on Good Friday, the Office will be said at 3 p.m. with the Way of the Cross (Chinese) On Holy Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m., and the Office will be recited at 8.15 a.m. On Easter Sunday, Masses will be celebrated at 5.15, 6, 7, 8.15 and 10.30 a.m. The 10.30 Mass will a solemn high Mass with a special choir. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated at 4 p.m. St. Joseph's Church is under the charge of the French Jesuit Fathers.

The Church of Christ the King in Rue Bourgeat, which is conducted by the American Jesuit Fathers, will have Holy Week Masses at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Maunday Thursday the Holy Hour gill be observed between 6 and 7 p.m. On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be held at 2.30, and at 3.30 p.m. the "Stabat Mater" will be sung by a male choir. Masses on Easter Sunday will be celebrated hourly from 6 to 11 a.m. A solemn High Mass will be chanted at 11 a.m., and will be broadcast from Radio Station X.M.H.A.

Lent officially ends at noon on Holy Saturday.

Hand Trolley Stolen With Cotton Load

Two coolies pulling a hand-trolley laden with bales of cotton were stopped at 10 o'clock yesterday morning on Singapore Road, near Kiaochow Road, by a gang of six Chinese robbers who, at the points of two pistols, took the trolley with its load. No shots were fired. The value of the theft was estimated at $800.

New Pawnshop Racket Uncovered

French Police Charge Six Pawned Goods "Redeemers"

Six pawned goods "redeemers" have been arrested by the French police here and referred to the Second Special District Court on suspicion that they have been receiving stolen articles. Investigations of the case have not yet been completed and a formal hearing will take place on March 23. The six managers of the shops have been detained but they have also been given the alternative of the payment of a shop security each of $300.

Although there have been cases in which pawnshop managers or assistants have been charged with receiving stolen articles, this is probably the first time that pawned goods "redeemers" are being brought to court on criminal charges. The "redemers," so-called, because they take the trouble of paying cash for those who would like to redeem their goods from pawnshops have developed their business in such a way that probably there are more "redeemers" in the city than pawnshops.

Their business income has followed an upward trend ever since the start of the Sino-Japanese hostilities as the poor and refugees have been apt to resort to pawning as the only means of settling their financial difficulties. When they used all the money they obtained from pawnshops they sold their pawn tickets. Collecting high interest and good commission, the "redeemers" would redeem pawned articles for their customers, who, by that time, may be without any means at their disposal excepting the uncashable pawn tickets.

It is reported that the first man in Shanghai who started the "redeeming" business some years ago, a silver workshop manager made $1,000,000. Numerous enterprising merchants mostly connected with the pawnshop business have been following his lead.

Young Burglar Given Suspended Sentence

A young burglar was caught while sleeping at the very place where he had committed a crime being too tired to go away to enjoy the fruit of his job. He was Tsu Ping-chuin, a 16-year old former employee of the Dollar Photo Studio in Yu Ya Ching Road, who was sentenced to four months' imprisonment by the First Special District Court yesterday. The sentence was, however, suspended and he was turned over to his married sister for care.

The pathetic story told in court revealed that young Tsu was recently dismissed from the studio for breaking a plate. Without any means at his disposal and being afraid to return to his elder relatives, he returned to the studio early on Sunday morning and stole an electric clock.

Rice to Be Limited At S.M.C. Jail

Committee Recommends Trial Curtailment During Three Months Period

Whilst the preliminary estimate of the cost of feeding Chinese prisoners in the Municipal Jail in 1940 was $79,000 per month, the actual cost from January 1 has showed a steady increase above this figure and is now estimated to reach the very high figure of $135,000 per month. Even assuming that there will be no increase in present food prices, the cost of prisoners' food for the current year will be roughly $1,600,000, or $600,000 in excess of the preliminary Budget provision. The 1940 appropriation thus now involves an increase of roughly $1,170,000 on the 1939 appropriation.

In view of this very heavy burden on the Budget, the Council deemed an enquiry necessary into the Jail dietary. This enquiry was undertaken by three members of the Watch Committee supplemented by a Chinese doctor, who sat with Departmental representatives including experts of the Public Health Department. The Special Committee members were Messrs. R. G. MacDonald, F. S. Hsu, W. J. Lee and Dr. Harvey N. Zee.

The Committee examined the past history of the establishment of the Jail dietary. It was noted that previous attempts to curtail the dietary had been opposed on the medical grounds that such curtailment would result in an increase of sickness and mortality among prisoners in the Jail.

The existing diet tables were submitted in detail to the Committee and cognizance was taken of the fact that these had been drawn up on scientific lines by the Public Health Department, with due regard to the established standards as to a sufficiency of calories to constitute an adequate diet. The diets are in the three categories of "full," "medium" and "low," being varied according as to whether or not the convict is employed, is under doctor's observation, or is incurring punishment. A "special" diet is received by T. B. and other sick convicts.

Disease and Deaths

In examining the matter, regard was also paid to the incidence of disease in the Jail and the death rate.

It was stated to be the aim of the Committee to attempt to reconcile the diet needs of the prisoners with the necessity in the interests of the ratepayers to conserve municipal expenditure as far as possible.

The Committee was assured that there was no waste whatsoever in feeding at the Jail. The various articles of food constituted in the diet are publicly tendered for and invariably the lowest tender is accepted, the rice now used at the Jail being cheap, unpolished rice.

Every item of the Jail dietary was carefully scrutinized by members of the Committee with a view to ascertaining whether a reduction could be effected.

The Committee's finding, which has been adpted by the Council, is that during an experimental period of three months a reduction in the quantity of rice furnished in the diet should be effected, rice being the largest item in the diet.

H.M. Embassy Official Sails in U.S.S. Luzon

The U.S.S. Luzon, flagship of Rear-Admiral W. A. Glassford, Commander of the Yangtze Patrol, sailed from Shanghai for Wuhu yesterday morning with Mr. J. D. Greenway, First Secretary of the British Embassy, on board as a passenger. Mr. Greenway is making the trip at the invitation of Rear-Admiral Glassford. The Luzon is sailing on a routine inspection trip and will return to Shanghai next week.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 1/16d.		$ 58.18
U.S. $100 @ 6 3/8		$1,568.63
Francs	303	$100
Yen	27 1/8	100
Guilders	11 7/8	100
Rupees	23 7/8	100
Pesos	12 3/4	100
Hongkong	$27 5/8	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 3/16d.	$ 57.31
U.S. $100 @ 6 5/16	$1,523.81
London—demand, $1=	4 5/16d.
4 months' sight credits	4 3/32d.
4 months' sight docts	4 5/32d.
6 months' sight credits	4 1/4d.
6 months' sight docts	4 5/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$6 5/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$6 3/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$6 1/16

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" Buying " @	9 7/16	" H.H.$100	
Local $ (Fapi) selling @	144	per H.H.$100	
buying @	149	" H.H.$100	

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES FOR DUTY PAYMENTS

Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar $4.035

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drinkejord, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 4 9/32	Lowest 4 1/8
U.S. G.$	6 11/32	6 11/32
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing			$2.708
	SELLING		BUYING
Cash		March	
£ T.T.	4 1/8	4 m/s. l.c.	4 7/32
G.$ T.T.	6 5/16	4 m/s. l.c.	6 5/16
Fcs. T.T.	304	4 m/s.	316
Rs. T.T.	22 7/8	15 d/s.	23 1/4

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Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.78

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 1/8 sterling and 6 5/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4 1/8 sterling and 6 5/16 U.S.$ and though very uncertain and erratic was on the whole firm, especially in the afternoon. Under pressure of selling rates were carried to 4 3/16 sterling and 6 1/2 U.S.$ for March, but with more buyers than sellers these rates did not hold. After a decline to a lower level the market closed sellers at:—

4 1/8	sterling	6 11/32	U.S.$	Cash
4 3/16	"	6 5/16	"	Mar.
4 7/32	"	6 11/32	"	Apr.

London Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 18.

The committee of the London Stock Exchange announced today that, beginning from March 18, minimum prices have been fixed for certain stocks as follow:

Treasury Bonds, 1%, 1939/41	99 1/4
Conversion Loan, 4 1/2% (assented), 1940/44	98 1/2
Conversion Loan, 5%, 1944/64	107 1/2
National Defence Bonds, 2 1/2%, 1944/48	98
Conversion Loan, 2 1/2%, 1944/49	96 1/2
Conversion Loan, 3%, 1948/53	99
Funding Loan, 2 3/4%, 1952/57	94 1/2
National Defence Bonds, 3%, 1954/58	98
War Loan, 3%, 1955/59	98
Funding Loan, 2 1/2%, 1956/61	88 1/2
Funding Loan, 3%, 1959/69	95
Funding Loan, 4%, 1960/90	108 1/2
Victory Bonds, 4%	107
Consols, 4%, 1957 or later	105 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2%, 1952 or later	95
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2%, 1961 or later	95
Local Loans Stock, 3%, 1912 or later	82 1/2
Consols, 2 1/2%, 1923 or later	70 1/2

The committee added that the revised minimum prices of other trustee securities would be announced later.

Prices mentioned were below those ruling in the market at the close of business on Friday, but it was understood that one of the factors considered in fixing these prices was the interest accrued to date.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Mar. 18.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.175		.18	
Antamok	.13	S	.13	S
Baguio Gold	.225		.225	S
Batong Buhay	.011		.011	S
Benguet Consolidated	5.70	*S	—	
Big Wedge	.185		.185	
Coco Grove	.115	S	.115	S
Consolidated Mines	.003		.0035	S
Demonstration	.10		.10	
East Mindanao	.10		.105	
I X L	.345	S	.345	S
Ipo Gold	.10		.10	
Itogon	.225	S	.23	S
Masbate Consolidated	.06		.0625	
Mine Operations	.0625		.0625	
Paracale Gumaus	.19		.19	
San Mauricio	.77	S	.76	S
Surigao Consolidated	.185		.185	S
Suyoc	.13	S	.13	S
Syndicate Investment	.020		.020	
United Paracale	.255		.255	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.095		.10	S

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning 42,900 Pesos.

Shares Index: (Morning Session) 71.38.

The market will remain closed on March 21, 22 and 23.—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Mar. 18.

Silver prices declined slightly. Quotations follow:—

	Mar. 15	Mar. 18
London spot	20 11/16d.	20 11/16d.
" forward	20 11/16d.	20 11/16d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

London/New York	U.S.$4.0350	59.478d.
New York/London	3.73 1/2	64.26d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was very steady throughout the day with little price changes except in the cases of Loans and Wheelocks which were in good demand. Loans had a large turnover and closed strong, with buyers at 24 3/4. Wheelocks opened at 117 and, on rumours of record profits being earned by the Company jumped up to 122, continuing in good demand throughout the day. At the close buyers were offering 127 with sellers' price at 128. Rubber shares were quiet and easier.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Average	Change
328.71	105.32	General	311.84	+ 4.76
475.35	98.55	Rubbers	394.23	—15.33

Total 376,187 shares, 1,685 bonds.

Business Done

Power 5 1/2% Debs.				18000	87.75	
	1500	88.00	30000	87.75		
	†18000	87.75				
S. M. C. 5% Debs.				45000	75.00	
F. M. C. 5%				56000	73.00	
I. I. Trust		1000	23.25	3500	23.50	
	1000	24.00	2000	23.75	2000	23.50
	500	23.25	500	23.00		
	†1000	23.25	1000	23.50	500	*23.75
S'hai Loan		1500	*23.75	500	23.75	
	1000	24.00	5000	24.25	2000	*24.25
	10000	24.50	1000	24.75	500	*24.50
	1500	24.75	500	24.25		
	†2000	24.50	500	24.75	500	*24.75
	1000	*24.50	500	24.50	3000	24.75
	1000	25.00	1000	24.75	4000	25.00
	1000	*25.00				
Yangtsze Finance		500	15.80	500	15.90	
	500	15.80	1500	15.90	5500	15.80
	500	15.70				
	†500	15.50	500	*15.50	1500	15.60
	500	*15.60				
Int. Assurance				500	*14.60	
China Realty		1500	8.10	3000	8.05	
	500	*8.00	2000	8.05	2000	8.10
	1500	*8.05	500	8.05	500	*8.10
	3000	8.05				
	†1000	8.05	3500	8.00	500	7.95
	4000	8.00				
S'hai Land		500	15.40	500	*15.50	
	2000	15.40	3000	15.30		
	†1000	*15.30	500	15.30	1000	15.40
	500	15.50	2500	15.40		
Metro. Land				500	13.00	
	†1000	13.00				
Dockyards		500	37.50	1900	*37.50	
	1000	37.75	200	*37.75	600	38.25
	700	38.00	200	*38.00	100	*38.25
	300	38.25	1300	38.00	100	*38.00
	1700	37.75	500	*37.75	1300	37.50
	200	*37.25				
	†2000	37.25	300	*37.25		
Wheelock		300	*119.00	300	120.00	
	600	121.00	900	122.00	700	122.50
	200	*122.50	1300	123.00	1000	*124.00
	200	123.50	500	123.00	100	123.50
	100	123.00	100	*123.50	300	123.00
	1600	122.50	*100	*122.50	800	123.00
	100	*122.50	100	123.00	100	122.50
	300	123.00				
	†100	*123.50	100	123.50	300	125.00
	100	127.00	100	128.00	200	127.00
	200	127.50	100	*127.50	400	*128.00
	300	128.00	100	*127.50	200	127.50
	100	127.00				
C. G. Omnibus		300	29.50	300	29.75	
	100	29.25	100	29.75		
	†400	29.75				
S'hai Gas		1100	22.00	200	22.25	
	400	21.75	200	*21.75	500	21.50
	†300	21.50	100	*21.50		
Telephone		100	30.25	200	30.50	
	300	*31.00	300	31.00	1400	30.75
	100	*30.75	100	30.50	200	30.75
	†300	30.50	400	30.25	100	*30.50
	100	30.25	100	30.50	300	30.25
Tram (Bearer)		£1		500	57.50	
	100	*57.50				
	†200	57.50				
Metal		1000	*29.50	2000	29.75	
	500	30.00	700	*30.00	200	29.50
	100	*29.75	700	29.50	100	*29.50
	300	29.25	200	*29.00	600	29.25
	1100	29.00	700	28.75	100	*28.75
	300	29.00				
	†1800	28.75	500	29.00		
Kaiping	X.D.	100	64.50	500	65.00	
Lumber		100	52.50	100	*52.00	
	100	*51.50	200	51.50		
	†200	52.00				
Exploration		500	13.90	1500	14.00	
	1500	14.20	1000	14.30	500	*14.30
	3000	14.10	500	*14.10	500	*14.20
	1500	14.00	500	13.80	5500	13.90
	500	*13.90	4500	13.80	500	*13.80
	1500	13.70	2000	*13.60	2500	13.60
	500	*13.50				
	†1500	13.70	1000	*13.60	1000	13.70
	500	13.80	1000	13.70	1000	13.30
Power (Pref)				40	136.75	
	†30	137.00	50	*137.00		
Ewo Mills (Ord)		2500	*42.25	100	42.25	
	500	42.50	200	42.75	100	*42.50
	1000	*42.75	1900	43.00	100	*43.00
	100	*42.75	200	42.75	200	*43.00
	4200	43.00	100	43.25	1200	42.75
	1400	*42.75				
	†200	*42.50	1500	42.50	100	42.25
	500	42.50	300	*42.25	200	42.50
	100	42.25				
Ziangbe		†100	35.50	100	35.00	
S'hai Cotton				100	†50.00	
	†100	190.00				
Alma		100	54.00	100	54.50	
	100	55.00				
	†400	54.50				
China Finance				†1000	1.88	
Anglo Dutch		100	*26.50	100	26.50	
	200	26.75	100	*26.50	100	26.50
	400	26.25	400	26.50	300	*26.25
	500	26.50				
	†500	26.50	100	*26.50	200	*26.25
	200	26.25				
Anglo Java				100	47.50	
	†400	47.25	700	47.00	200	46.75
	400	46.50				
Bute		†1500	11.40	500	11.30	
	500	*11.00	500	11.10		
Chemor				†1000	3.75	
Batu Anam				1000	2.15	
Cneng		1000	1.18	1000	1.16	
	1000	*1.10				
	†6000	1.12	4000	1.10	1000	1.08
Consolidated				†500	11.00	
Dominion				500	16.20	
Kota				3000	8.00	
	†2000	7.80				
Kroewoek		1000	3.80	3000	3.70	
	1000	3.75	2000	3.60	1000	3.70
	3000	3.65				
	†1000	*3.70	2000	3.65	1000	*3.55
	1000	3.55	1000	3.57 1/2	1000	3.60
Langkat		1800	33.00	600	33.25	
	200	*33.25	400	32.50	100	*32.50
	100	32.25	100	32.00	1300	31.50
	600	31.75	100	*31.50	200	*32.00
	900	32.00	700	32.25	400	32.50
	100	*32.75	500	32.75	300	32.50
	300	*32.25	900	32.25	500	32.00
	300	*32.00	400	*31.75	500	31.75
	900	32.00	200	32.25	100	32.50
	100	33.00				
	†800	33.00	100	*32.50	400	32.50
	1300	32.00	400	32.25	800	32.50
Padang		4000	3.80	1000	*3.65	
	†1000	3.62 1/2				
Repah		2000	1.96	2000	1.98	
	1000	2.00	1000	*2.00	1000	1.98
	†1000	1.96				
Rubber Trust		1000	13.20	500	13.10	
	†3000	12.90	500	12.80		
Senawang		2000	2.90	1000	2.85	
	†2000	2.85	3000	2.80		
Kedah				3500	15.00	
	†500	15.00	500	14.90	2500	15.00
	500	*15.00	500	*14.90		
Kelantan		3000	1.30	3000	1.26	
	6000	1.24	2000	1.26		
	†7000	1.26	1000	1.24	3000	1.26
Pahang				1000	8.00	
Seremban				1000	3.50	
	†2000	3.60	1000	*3.50		
Sungei Duri				†200	80.00	
Tanah Merah		1000	4.90	1000	4.70	
	1000	*4.75	1000	4.70		
	†3000	4.60	1000	4.55	1000	4.50
Tebong		1000	*2.15	1000	2.12 1/2	
	1000	2.10	2000	2.12 1/2	2000	2.15
	2000	2.10				
	†3000	2.07 1/2	1000	*2.10	6000	2.05
	4000	2.02 1/2	1000	2.07 1/2		
Ziangbe		100	37.50	500	36.50	
	100	36.25	200	*35.75		
Union Brewery				†1000	8.00	
Zoong Sing				†100	68.00	

ODD LOTS

China Realty	187	*8.00	21	8.20
Exploration	100	14.10	100	13.70
	†100 13.50			
Kaiping			50	64.00
Power "P"			3	137.00
Yangtsze Finance			125	15.70
Auto Palace			20	22.50
Land	100	15.50	60	15.50
	100 15.10			
S'hai Loan			100	24.25
	†100 24.50			
Repah			25	1.94
	†50 1.94			
Lumber			20	52.50
Dominion			†200	16.30

*—Direct Business.
†—Afternoon Business.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Saigon rice per shih (176 lb.)	$41.50
Cotton yn. 20's, D.H., p.b. Mar.	$970.00
" " " Apr.	986.00
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	210.50
Wheat per picul (50 kilos)	$23.70
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)	10.30
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)	15.00
	picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15	$5,150
" " 20/22	4,850
" " 20/22 78%	4,900

Bank of America Settles With Government

San Francisco, Mar. 16.

The Bank of America, fourth largest banking institution in the world, and the Federal Government settled their differences over bank accounting practices Friday after a two-year feud. Reports later arose that the A. P. Giannini interests, which control the bank, would soon reach an agreement with the Securities and Exchange Commission on a controversy affecting the Trans-America Corporation, another large Giannini enterprise.—United Press.

West Coast Life Co. Reports Progress

Assets Now Exceed U.S.$26,000,000

Mar. 18.

The last year proved another successful one for the West Coast Life Insurance Company, according to the annual report recently issued. This report covers the year ending December 31 1939. Briefly, it points out that the admitted assets total US$26,026,414.85, an increase for the year of US$1,127,064.18 over the previous year.

Following well-established practice, the Company's continued appreciation of its fiduciary responsibility to policy-holders is reflected in an increasing conservatism in policy of investment. New investments were confined largely to high grade Government, State, Municipal and Public Utility Bonds. At the close of the year Bonds owned by the company were valued at US$4,943,-212.02. Bonds amply secured are carried at amortized values. All other Bonds and Stocks are carried at market values. The Company's holding of preferred and common stocks carried at market values represents only 2.35 per cent. of the admitted assets.

The total capital stock, surplus and contingency reserve amounts to US$904,914.96, which is additional protection for policyholders.

The insurance in force increased to US$119,462,176. Premiums received during the year, both new and renewal, totalled US$4,042,400.15.

Favourable Rate of Mortality

The rate of mortality experienced in 1939 was 45 per cent. of the expected. This is very favourable, and 10 per cent. lower than that experienced in 1938. The foregoing, and the previous experience of the Company are evidence of careful selection.

Disbursements to the Company's policyholders during 1939, exclusive of policy loans, totalled US$2,696,-084.91. Since the organization of the Company in 1906 the amount of benefits distributed in cash to policyholders and their beneficiaries total US$45,809,750.55.

Requests for surrenders and policy loans have been the lowest for many years past, and substantially lower than the previous year, which is indicative of continued general improvement in business conditions.

Pawnshops Increase In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 15.

The number of pawnshops in Japan's big towns, which decreased after the outbreak of the China war, has increased again, and is sharply up at present, as a result of the war boom, according to statistics of the Welfare Ministry reproduced in the local press.

Salaried men lead as pawnshop frequenters, but while wage-earners pledge their belongings to go on sprees, it was found that white-collared men, more severely struck by the rise in daily necessities, go to the pawnshops in order to be able to buy rice.

The amount of loans made in Tokyo during a year is estimated at between Y.80,000,000 and Y.100,000,000. The value of the pledges held in the pawnshops at any one time is usually between Y25,000,000 and Y.30,000,000. There are fewer watches and rings pledged, as most of them have been acquired by the government in its campaign to obtain gold.

There are about 1,200 public pawnshops in Japan, working on a capital of about Y.16,000,000.—Havas.

Japan-Argentine Trade Accord

Agreement Based Upon Barter System Officially Announced in Tokyo

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Conclusion of a trade understanding between Japan and Argentine was officially announced by the Foreign Office here today. The accord was signed by Mr. Iwataro Uchiyama, Japanese Minister to Argentina, and Senor Jose Maria Cantilo, Argentine Foreign Minister, on March 15.

The pact, which went into effect immediately, is based upon a barter system.

Argentine is one of our most important overseas markets, a spokesman for the Foreign Office said.

Japan's exports to Argentine steadily increased until 1937, but have shown a notable decline since Argentine enforced a system requiring a previous Government permission for import bills in November, 1938. With a view to improving the situation, the Japanese Government entered into negotiations with the Argentine Government, through the Japanese Minister at Buenos Aires as a result of which an agreement of views was reached on March 15 between the two Governments regarding the following points:

1. Japan shall purchase annually Y.30,000,000 worth of major Argentine products, including wool, meat, casein, and wheat.

2. Argentine shall grant foreign exchange for the importation of Japanese goods equivalent to the amount of Argentine goods exported to Japan and also apply to imports from Japan and exchange rate which shall not be more unfavourable than that applied to goods imported from any other country.

Japanese imports from and exports to Argentina in the past five years were as follows:

	Imports	Exports
1935	Y.16,370,000	Y.26,603,000
1936	Y.29,989,000	Y.22,711,000
1937	Y.42,017,000	Y.42,480,000
1938	Y.24,356,000	Y.19,607,000
1939	Y.11,960,000	Y. 8,151,000

—Domei.

70,000 motorcars were produced for export by the British motor industry in 1939, compared with an average of 62,000 during the past five years. Last year's total has been exceeded on only one occasion —in 1937. In addition, 11,500 commercial vehicles have been exported. The result is the more remarkable since in September activity was reduced almost to a standstill. The principal markets were Australia, New Zeland, India and Burma, South Africa, Eire, Denmark, British Malaya and Sweden. The shipment of nearly 1,000 cars to Canada and the U.S.A. is an interesting feature.

Szechuan Supplies Sugar To All of China

Chungking, Mar. 13.

With the decrease in import of sugar from abroad, Szechuan is supplying sugar to the entire nation, it is revealed here.

Sugar cane plantations in 46 districts of the province yield about 26,000,000 pciuls of sugar cane, from which more than 2,000,000 piculs of sugar valued at $20,000,000 will be manufactured.

Szechuen has been producing annually 700,000 piculs of white sugar, and 1,000,000 piculs of brown sugar.

Brown sugar also is produced in Kwangsi, Yunnan and Kweichow. It is estimated that about 10,000,000 people, or one-sixth of Szechuan's population, depend directly or indirectly upon the sugar industry for their livelihood.—Reuter.

Shirt Import Licences Only to France

London, Mar. 12.

No licences are being issued by Britain for the import of shirts of woven material from any foreign country other than France, Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, revealed today in the House of Commons in answer to a question by Labourite member Mr. Tomlinson, who asked whether licences had been granted to London importers to import quantities of Japanese khaki shirts, for delivery in May.

As regards knitted shirts, Sir Andrew stated that no licence has yet been issued under the terms of the agreement between British and Japanese hosiery manufacturers.—Havas.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Mar. 18.

Kogo 5% Y.106.06

—Reuter.

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SYNOPSIS OF 34th ANNUAL STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1939

RESOURCES

First Mortgage Loans	U.S.$ 3,960,537.91
First Mortgage Loans, Insured under the U. S. Government Housing Act (FHA)	4,984,570.39
Loans to Policyholders, Secured by Legal Reserves	5,356,684.30
*Government, Public Utility and Other Bonds	4,943,212.02
*Stocks at Market Values	612,727.13
Real Estate Owned and Sold Under Contract	2,474,992.46
Home Office Building	762,903.76
Collateral Loans	75,444.00
Premiums Outstanding and Deferred, Secured by Legal Reserves	867,456.91
Interest and Rents, Due and Accrued	161,694.19
Cash	1,670,306.34
Other Resources	155,885.44
TOTAL RESOURCES	U.S.$26,026,414.85

LIABILITIES

Reserve on Outstanding Policies		U.S.$24,100,280.86
Reserve for Policy Claims and Losses Incurred		228,355.93
Premiums and Interest Paid in Advance		328,530.34
Reserve for Taxes Payable in 1940		69,854.21
Reserve for Dividends to Policyholders		185,208.51
Other Liabilities		209,270.04
Reserve for Contingencies	U.S.$286,500.00	
Capital Stock	375,000.00	
Unassigned Surplus	243,414.96	
TOTAL SURPLUS RESOURCES		U.S.$ 904,914.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES		U.S.$26,026,414.85

*A list of these investments will be forwarded upon request.

In 1939 there was an increase in insurance in force and in assets.

Premiums received during 1939, new and renewal, totalled	U.S.$ 4,042,400.15
Disbursements to policyholders for the year 1939 equalled	U.S.$ 2,696,084.91
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries since the organization of the Company totalled	U.S.$45,809,750.55

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NITTA MARU, Maiden Voyage ..... May 13

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From Kobe
HEIAN MARU ..... Mar. 20
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HIE MARU ..... Apr. 13

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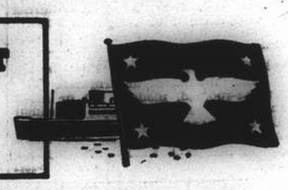

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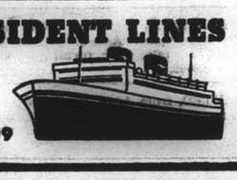

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VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From MANILA: President Coolidge, with mail, due 11.15 a.m. Buoys 11-12. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 12.45 a.m.

From NEW YORK: President Adams, with mail, due 9.15 a.m. Buoys 12-13. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 10.45 a.m.
Niel Maersk, with mail, due 7 a.m. Old Ningpo Wharf.

From NAGASAKI: Nagasaki Maru, with mail, due 2-3 p.m.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal part. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA			From ADEN		
India	29/2	6/5	Conte Verde	16/3	4/4
From TRIESTE			**From SINGAPORE**		
Monte Piana	20/1	20/3	Boissevain	16/3	23/3
Conte Verde	8/3	4/4	**From SOURABAYA**		
Volpi	27/2	17/4	Tjisadane	15/3	2/4
Carignano	25/2	22/4	**From HONGKONG**		
			See "China Ports" below		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From HONOLULU		
N. Maersk	24/1	19/3	Asama Maru	19/3	7/4
P. Maersk	9/2	3/4	**From SEATTLE**		
Reinholt	27/1	3/4	Capillo	29/2	21/3
G'trude Maersk	26/2	14/4	Crown City	15/3	5/4
Memphis City	—	20/4	**From KOBE**		
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From LOS ANGELES			**From KEELUNG**		
P. Maersk	29/2	3/4	Hukuken M.	24/3	26/3
Asama M.	11/3	7/4			
G'trude Maersk	19/3	14/4			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From DURBAN		
Boissevain	14/2	23/3	Tegelberg	19/3	20/4
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Dairen M.	19/3	21/3

VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LONDON	
Delagoa Maru	4/4
Tatuno Maru	27/4
For LIVERPOOL	
Hakusan Maru	26/3
Haruna Maru	15/4
For TRIESTE	
Monte Piana	22/3
C. Verde	7/4
For GOTHENBURG	
Ningpo	19/3
For COLOMBO	
Tokiwa Maru	3/4
For BOMBAY	
Zinsan Maru	23/3
Ginyo Maru	30/3
For CAPETOWN	
Boissevain	25/3
Tegelberg	22/4
For JAVA	
Tjitjalengka	21/3
Tjisadane	4/4
For MANILA	
N. Maersk	20/3
P. Maersk	5/4
G. Maersk	15/4
For NEW YORK	
P. Adams	20/3
Tarn	22/3
Tosan Maru	27/3
Laura Maersk	1/4
Azuma Maru	6/4
Reinholt	6/4
Akagi Maru	12/4
N. Maersk	16/4
Peter Maersk	2/5
For SAN FRANCISCO	
P. Coolidge	20/3
Canton	20/3
Asama Maru	8/4
For SEATTLE	
Capillo	23/3
Crown City	7/4
For KOBE	
Taiyo Maru	23/3
Kasima Maru	27/3
For NAGASAKI	
Nagasaki Maru	20/3
For DAIREN	
Tsingtao Maru	19/3
Dairen Maru	22/3
Tsingtao Maru	26/3
Dairen Maru	29/3
Tsinetao Maru	2/4
Dairen Maru	5/4

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Indira	Hsinkong	T.C.C.
Fooshing	Hsinkong	C.C.T.
Luise	Hsinkong	G.M.C.
Rokos Vergottis	Miike	Ch. Hellenic
Tsingtao M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Lipari	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Tawha	T'lungkong	Quen Kee
Prosper	—	Jebsen L.
Taiko M. 8.	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Kiangnan	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Tjitjalengka	Hongkong	J.C.J.L.
Fram	Bangkok	Jebsen L.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Volunteer	Am.	A.P.L.
Nantung M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Avemaria	Port.	Chu Foong
Shanghai M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
U.S.S. Luzon	Am.	—
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
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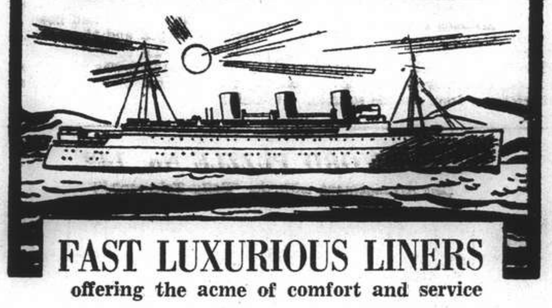

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At first, the rather obvious expedient of increasing the size of the line wires was practiced with some success over moderate distances, and at one time was carried to the extent of erecting aerial wire circuits requiring nearly a ton of copper per mile. Later it was found that by "loading" the line with artificial inductance to counteract the effect of the detrimental excess electrical capacity, the quality and range of transmission could be appreciably increased while at the same time permitting the use of much smaller conductors. Finally, the invention of the vacuum tube amplifier made possible the development of the practical telephonic repeater so that the energy could be boosted at intervals along the line, and the range of transmission made practically unlimited.

With the prior problem of extending the range of the service well on the way to solution, efforts had been directed towards its intensification by reducing the cost; and obviously this might be accomplished if one pair of wires could be made to carry a number of simultaneous conversations. The human voice could be faithfully reproduced by sounds varying in frequency from 300 to 3400 periods per second, but subject to certain considerations there was a vast range of frequencies that might be transmitted over an electrical conducting system, he said.

"Carrier Waves"

The solution lay in a practical means of carrying the ordinary voice undulations by superposing them on "carrier" waves of much higher frequency. Actually this was done by modulating the amplitude of the high frequency wave so as to produce a pattern similar to that of the voice frequency, and in this way a limited number of extra conversation channels had for some years been made practicable over suitable adapted lines. However, each increase in the number of extra channels on ordinary wire circuits involved additioned technical difficulties and refinements, owing to their susceptibility to cross-talk and noise from neighbouring circuits or other electrical system and the scope in this direction appeared to have nearly reached the limit of exploition over the conventional two wire circuits.

As a result technicians had recently explored the possibilities from a somewhat new angle of transmission technique by employing a transmission path entirely isolated from the effects of any outside electrical systems, and not depending on the perfect electrical balance of the two wire circuit. The conducting path for this new system took the form of a copper tube carrying a centrally disposed copper wire, it had been given the name of "coaxial cable" because the two conductors had a common axis. The best results were obtained when the outer tube had a diameter 3.59 times that of the centre wire, and with dry air as the separating medium. Various methods of supporting the centre wire had been tried, but hard rubber discs spaced at frequent intervals had given good results.

Millions Per Second

Such a conducting system was capable of transmitting frequencies of millions of cycles per second without interference from outside sources. At high frequencies the current was confined to the outer surface of the inner wire and to the inside surface of the outer tube, and in effect the electrical energy was propagated along the intervening air space, with the tube acting mearly as a guide. An important feature was that the outer conducting tube also acted as a very efficient screen to keep out all unwanted frequencies of extraneous origin, which were so troublesome on ordinary telephone lines. At these high frequencies it was necessary to amplify the attenuated waves by means of repeaters installed at regular intervals along the cable. With such a structure having a tube rather less than 1/3 inch diameter and with repeaters spaced at intervals of about 10 miles, a frequency band up to more than a million cycles could be satisfactorily transmitted, which could be sliced up into 4,000 cycle bands to provide facilities for 240 simultaneous speech channels.

The frequency range of the coaxial might be extended either by increasing its diameter, or by shortening the intervals between repeater points, and the practicable upper limit seemed to be dependent only the extent to which such high frequencies could be generated and handled, and upon economic considerations. The coaxial also provided the only suitable system so far developed for long distance television transmission, which required the propagation of frequencies extending from zero up to between 2 and 3 million cycles, free from distortion and parasitic frequencies.

Practical Installations

The first practical installation of coaxial was tried out between New York and Philadelphia in 1937 when a telephone circuit of 3,600 miles was set up by connecting channels at different frequencies back and forth over the 95 miles of cable. The first commercial application was established on the London-Birmingham coaxial cable in 1938 when the first slice of 40 out of an ultimate of 300 to 400 channels was opened for traffic. This cable contained four coaxial units, two for telephone channels and two for television, and was designed to transmit a frequency band extending to well over two million cycles per second.

The new system had only been made possible by considerable research and experimental effort particularly in the matter of transmission equipment, such as the application of the stabilised negative feed back amplifier, the use of copper oxide rectifiers for modulators, and of quartz crystal elements for electrical filters.

Further research on high frequency transmission had recently revealed the possibility of propaging electrical waves through guides comprising a "wire" or column of air (or other dielectric) enclosed in a tube without any centre conductor. The possible future application of this development was however at the moment a matter of speculation.

The paper concluded by pointing out that the new facilities could only be justified in countries where electrical communication had been intensively developed and at present there was no scope for coaxial system locally, although there was a vast field for carrier systems on wire circuits in China.

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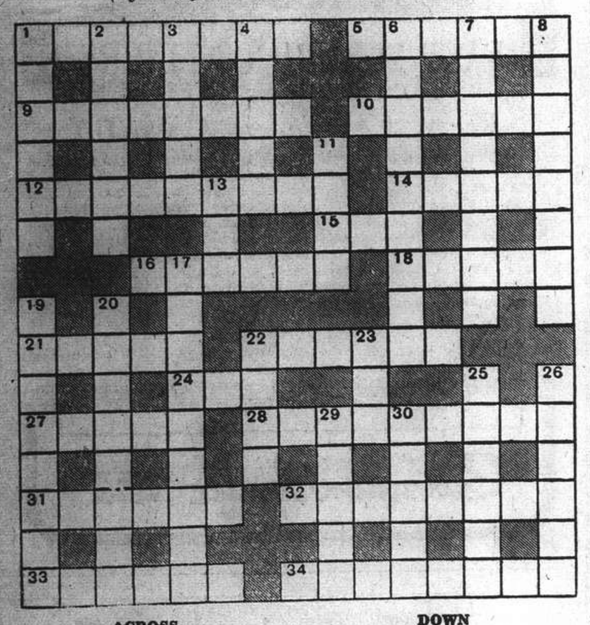

ACROSS

1 It is rather surprising to find that a tiny dame makes this
5 This shell-holder is not likely to be used in the front line
9 Mangle; looks as if of interest to some workers at Honiton
10 A very fair example of its kind
12 One good point about this embarrassment is that it must be at an end
14 More fish are caught in this river than in any other
15 A little dog's head
16 "The true old times are dead when every morning brought a noble —— and every —— brought out a noble knight" ("Passing of Arthur")
18 No after this makes a terrible place
21 "Our ——s are now ended. These our actors as I foretold you were all spirits" ("Tempest")
22 No great insult
24 Yes, coming in the New Year
27 Foreign money anyone can make
28 Often a dividing line between motorists and pedestrians
31 A fabulous creature
33 Suggesting a Welsh son of his father, 'tis obvious
33 Cook could buy a lot of this for this reversed
34 Ladies expect to buy their wool like this and it sounds more

DOWN

1 Digs for many fairies
2 A fine point
3 Were I in this French river you would see a fighting man
4 Musical direction
6 No, this poet's works are not more expensive than others'
7 What the poets might call the villains of old
8 These men show I get on among my equals
11 The kind you have before you
13 Bird found among the Eskimo aboriginal tribes
17 It looks sacrilegious for this to be used by sailors on the deck
19 In the theatrical profession he should be more ready to read
20 One account shows a distinct disinclination
22 The spirit of Japan
23 Common talk
25 You want a little company in this place to stick together
26 A northern school
29 One might see this a gravestone in this town
30 "When I had lost one —— I shot his fellow ... to find the other forth" ("Merchant of Venice")

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 5, Tip-cat; 8, Roll-call; 9, Absurd; 10, Growling; 11, Idle; 14, Hearty Welcome; 19, Neath; 22, Earring; 23, Cross; 25, Passenger boat; 31, Then; 33, Too Tight; 34, Rabbit; 35, Ravening; 36, Verger. DOWN: 1, Bourse; 2, Slower; 3, Sanity; 4, Plague; 5, Tragic; 6, Pastime; 7, April; 12, Deal; 13, Echo; 15, Tress; 16, Worse; 17, Lying; 18, Ongar; 20, Scut; 21, Tope; 24, Sandbag; 26, Setter; 27, Notary; 28, Evolve; 29, Briony; 30, Athens; 32, Heave.

Positions Vacant

Do not enclose original testimonials when replying to advertisements. Copies answer the same purpose.

WANTED, first-class photographer and colour artist, for leading foreign studio. Apply Hamilton Studio, 221 Nanking Road. -4656

WANTED, for immediate employment, Chinese lady secretary-stenographer. Must be good typist and speak English. Permanent job with good prospects. Box 2474, NCDN. -4655

OUR correspondence course of training in Elementary Practical Bookkeeping is particularly suitable for beginners. All test papers are corrected and queries answered locally. Easy payments. Text book free. British School of Accountancy, 264 Kiangse Road, Telephone 14967. Principal, J. Webster Watts (Chartered Accountant). -4398

WANTED, experienced dining room steward, for high-class local hotel, must speak English well and good knowledge of French preferable. Applications stating age, single or married, nationality, references and salary expected to Box 2450, NCDN. 11443

EXPERIENCED French or English governess for two Chinese girls, 7 and 9 years old, to live in Hongkong. Address Box 2449, NCDN. -4590

TECHNICAL firm starting profitable manufacturing, looking for energetic and keen manager with good business and private connections. A1 references essential. Must invest capital to push-up manufacturing. Salary and share in profit. State age, experience, salary. Box 2457, NCDN. -4606

WANTED, trained and experienced English nurse for three children and one infant. Amah's help. Address Box 2452, NCDN. 11444

WANTED for seaside outport, young governess, Viennese preferably, for two young English girls. Must teach French, music, painting. Telephone 15810. -4576

WANTED lady secretary stenographer preferably French, having commercial experience, knowledge of French/English. Apply by letter only giving references and testimonials to Banque Indo-Chine who will convene. -4609

EXPERIENCED salesmen, foreigner and Chinese, well-connected with provision stores, bakeries, restaurants, etc. Salary and commission. Reply stating qualifications, etc. Box 2337, NCDN. -4384

Positions Wanted

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CAPABLE young man, 19, with some office experience, seeks position as junior office or shop assistant. Address Chang, 6/401 Avenue Edward VII. -4663

YOUNG, foreign textile expert, hard-working and efficient, specialised in woollen piece goods, seeks employment. Speaks English and German. Box 2462, NCDN. -4625

ELECTRICAL-mechanical engineer, thoroughly experienced in diesels and other gas-engines, desires permanent position. Box 2478, NCDN. -4674

FOREIGNER, good knowledge English, German, Russian. Will accept any position. 899/7 Avenue Joffre, telephone 71846, Room 7. -4651

YOUNG man, 22, speaking English and German, is willing to undertake any kind of work, also outport. First-class references and guarantee. Box 2460, NCDN. -4617

YOUNG lady stenographer, with some experience, seeks position. Box 2356, NCDN. -4409

YOUNG mechanical engineer seeks position. Specialised in power plant equipment, installation of refrigerators and designing. Good references. Box 2339, NCDN. -4386

ENGINEER, Scotchman, 32 years, desires position with prospects. Salary no object. Address Box 2690, NCDN. -4473

FOREIGN lady, experienced stenographer, open for immediate employment, moderate salary. Please address Box 2240, NCDN. -4196

Business Opportunities

EXPERIENCED realtor seeks financier to exploit profitable business idea Box 2464, NCDN. -4630

SPECIAL offer in soft soaps. Best quality, low price. Vienna Soap Co., 17 Canton Road, Telephone 13837. -4635

3 Yen, minimum charge for the leading Japanese newspaper's classified advertisement page, which may bring you favourable opportunities. When you want to advertise in it, apply to their agent, Tanaka Interpreter-Negotiator Service, Telephone 46522, Kung Yik Fong, 1151 North Szechuen Road. 11455

ARMOURED cars with armed foreign guards, for transporting treasure, Clarkes Agency, 88 Nanking Road, Telephone 10092. 11106

Offices, Shops, Godowns

LARGE office, central district, for responsible foreign firm only. Apply General Investment Co., 233 Nanking Road, Room 122. -4679

OFFICE space required, central district, about 400 to 500 sq. ft. Please reply to Box 2480, NCDN. 11476

DOCTOR'S office available for fore and afternoon hours, $80. 587 Bubbling Well, Room 201. Inquiries 4-6. -4620

MEDICAL office Bund district, to let for few hours daily. Box 2447, NCDN. -4593

URGENTLY required, 3,000—4,000 square feet office space. Responsible foreign firm, long lease or otherwise. Replies Box 2438, NCDN. -4567

WANTED, small office space or desk, chiefly for mail and telephone calls, vicinity Bund/Nanking. Box 2337, NCDN. -4384

DOCTOR'S office, completely furnished, to let for part-time. Bubbling Well Road, telephone 35779. -4516

Miscellaneous

ROSA Cohn, ladies' professional dressmaker. Fashionable alterations made. 921 Avenue Joffre, Room 301, telephone 73256. -4536

TRANSLATIONS, copying in English, French, Italian, Russian by foreign lady (own typewriter). Write Box 2409, NCDN. -4518

DOLLS and toys, broken, repaired/renovated perfectly by Doll's Hospital, Rosette, 135 Seymour Road. Reasonable prices. -4373

EXPERIENCED foreign ladies' dressmaker undertakes work at ladies' home. Can bring own sewing machine, if required. Please telephone 31650, 8-12, 1-3. -4383

For Sale—Miscellaneous

GENUINE Persian salon carpet, Korosan, 2 x 3 metre, unique specimen, for sale, reasonably priced. 1310 Avenue Joffre, European Arts. -4644

TYPEWRITER Erika Model M, new, US$35. Typewriter Shop Sternberg, 819 East Seward Road, Telephone 51042. -4655

TWO genuine old Persian rugs, privately, for sale. No brokers. Address Box 2475, NCDN. -4665

SINGER sewing machines, brand new, reasonable prices, for sale. 138 Hamilton House, telephone 14199. -4672

PIANOS for sale. German, good condition. 276 Route Vallon. -4671

SLOT-machines, four old, two new, in excellent condition, for sale. Apply Box 2481, NCDN. -4680

BARGAIN in dinner and coffee-sets and crystalware, oil-paintings etc. 497 Wei Hai Wei Road, 5 Yang Terrace, Room 6. -4677

BLUTHNER grand-piano, perfect condition, £80. Box 2477, NCDN. -4669

UNUSUALLY fine dinner set, Rosenthal brand, profusely assorted, bright floral design, at an attractive figure. 1310 Avenue Joffre, European Arts. -4644

STUDIO couch, Simmons, nearly new, for sale. Reasonable price. Address Box 2469, NCDN. -4645

REMARKABLE painting by Prof. Kowalski (one of the best-known Polish artists), for sale at a very fair price. 1310 Avenue Joffre, European Arts. -4644

CLEARANCE sale: Blue and red fox jackets, silver foxes. Absolute bargains. Far Eastern Credit Co., 40 Route de Grouchy, Telephone 73740. -4628

SINGER sewing machine, as good as new, reasonable price. 158 Embankment Building. -4652

JANES Fighting Ships and All World Aircraft, 1935 edition. Offers to Box 2437, NCDN. -4567

BACCARAT wine glass set, also cocktail, perfume set, splendid crystalware, Rosenthal dinner, tea sets, Meissen figures, big plates. Dr. Weiss, 150 Tifeng Road, House 15, Flat 2. -4454

BED-SITTING furniture, Simmon beds $300. Piano, radio, gramophone US$130. On view 10-12 morning. Room 20, 1434 Avenue Road. -4414

JUST arrived French lady has Parisian neckties, socks and gentlemen's dressing-gowns. 39C Central Arcade, Telephone 10029. -4342

CHARMING Easter gifts in porcelain, crystal, paintings, bronzes, miniatures, antique clocks, etc., at very favourable rates. 1310 Avenue Joffre, European Arts. -4304

BARGAIN sale in cutlery, silver and silver plated; toilet cases; portfolios; Goerz fieldglass; Persian rugs and many other bargains. Open Sundays. General Magazine, 337 Avenue Haig. -4263

MEISSEN, Rosenthal, Hutschenreuther, porcelain as dinner, coffee, tea, fruit sets, plates, vases, figures, mocha and selected cups, also beautiful and useful crystalware at really reasonable prices. Open Sundays. General Magazine, 337 Avenue Haig. -4263

KOREAN apples arriving weekly from Chinnampo. First grade $11.50 and second grade $9 per case of 33 lb. net. Sample box containing 18 apples $3. Obtainable at Peninsula Trading Company, authorised dealer in China, 705 Liza Building. Telephone 18350 and/or 1007 Avenue Joffre, Telephone 31649. -4360

SHIRTS correctly made to measure. English poplins and pure silk from $14.50. Razon's 12 Central Road. 11110

NICK'S secondhand furniture shop. We pay best price for furniture, carpets, pianos, refrigerators and household effects. Telephone 73937. 146A Route des Soeurs, 3 inside. -4597

SECONDHAND furniture shop. Buy and sell at best prices, furniture, carpets, refrigerator, cut-glass, etc. Feiner, 306 Rue Bourgeat, telephone 73597. -4636

SHIRTS made to measure. Superior "double-thread," broadcloth $15.50, "Tootal" $24 "Clydella" Wool $35. Razon's, Central Road. 11111

GROW your own vegetables and flowers. Seeds 30 and 50 cent package. Max Grill, 996 Avenue Joffre, Shanghai, telephone 74679. -4444

FOR SALE, one hem-stitching machine, one buttonhole-making machine; both with motors. Also one plait-making machine, one sewing machine, one button-making machine. Two ⅛ h.p. motors. One bath-tub. 50 Route de Sieyes. -4380

PYJAMAS made to measure. Flannel $9.50. Smart English material from $16.50. Razon's, 12 Central Road. 11132

JUST unpacked, superior English woollens, latest designs for ladies and gentlemen. Razon's, 12 Central Road. 11007

TYPEWRITERS: Hermes Baby slightly used US$25; new Underwood portables US$50. Hermes Baby dealers. Business Machine Co., 9-A Central Road, Telephone 14292. -4560

STOCKINGS: selected new stock in beautiful shades, exceptionally strong. Bargain sale of dresses, dresses ready made, at wholesale prices. Orders taken. Room 41C, 3rd floor, Central Arcade. -4543

NICKEL-plated samovar with tray and bowl, $75. 750 Hart Road, House 2, telephone 33631. -4462

STAMPS, good, British colonies just arrived. Inspection welcome. Atlantic Stamp Co., 465 Bubbling Well Road. -4469

Educational

MRS. H. Beesley gives private individual lessons in Pitman's shorthand/touch typewriting. Rapid results. Telephone 71001. -4632

EXPERIENCED lady-teacher gives piano lessons, conservatory diploma. Telephone 38074, hours 12-2. S. M. Karlikoff, 215 Medhurst Road, House 28. -4476

YOUNG, educated Chinese lady of good standing gives lessons in Mandarin/Shanghai dialect. Box 2467, NCDN. -4640

FRENCH, private lessons, conversation and grammar, given by highly-experienced gentleman teacher. Easy method. Exceptional references. Twice weekly, $15 per month. Apply from 8-9 a.m. or by letter. 2 Quinsan Gardens, Room 1. -4310

FRENCH by qualified gentleman-teacher, special method for beginners, speaking, writing within short period. Box 2335, NCDN. -4382

COMPLETE commercial course, shorthand (Gregg/Pitman), typewriting, English, book-keeping, coding, filing. Students prepared for Pitman, Gregg and London Chamber of Commerce examinations. Moderate fees. Apply Mrs. Sweeney, Steno-Typist Academy, 173/301 Seymour Road. 10918

Wanted to Rent

WANTED, three/four-roomed flat, furnished, from April 1. Address Box 2465, NCDN. or telephone 16590. -4631

WANTED now or any time before June, furnished/unfurnished, two or three-roomed, modern flat or small house, by Dutch couple without children. Prepared to rent for limited period from people going on leave. Address Box 2473, NCDN. or telephone 10818. -4654

WANTED, three/four-roomed apartment or small house, French or Settlement, with or without furniture. Box 2459, NCDN. -4616

WANTED, one or two rooms, preferably use of kitchen, available end March. Reply stating rent. Box 2470, NCDN. -4646

FURNISHED, big room, French Concession, from April 1, with use of kitchen and bath. Telephone 23665. -4667

IMMEDIATELY, two to four-roomed apartment or flat, furnished or unfurnished, modern conveniences, French Concession, no key-money. Write stating rent and location. Post Office Box 594. -4666

WANTED immediately by couple, furnished or unfurnished flat with dining-room, bathroom and kitchen, located in French Concession. Write, stating rent and situation. Box 2451, NCDN. -4592

WANTED three/four-roomed modern apartment, furnished or unfurnished. Address Box 2407, NCDN. -4513

RESPONSIBLE foreigner wants house or apartment. Agrees to pay key-money and take over furniture. Telephone 78499. -2798

WANTED, from April, furnished apartment. Willing to take furniture over and pay key-money. Telephone 79023. -4389

FIRST-CLASS, furnished room, with or without board, in Settlement or French, required by Viennese. Box 2275, NCDN. -4262

Wanted to Purchase

STAMPS! Any kind and quantity, even the most common stamps, as well as collections and lots of duplicates wanted. Post Office Box 1053. -4652

TRICYCLE, secondhand, wanted to buy. Please apply to Mr. Herzberg, 15/2 Carter Road, telephone 36283. -4622

AT ONCE, one dozen dessert plates with finger-bowls to match, in powder-blue Peking glass. Box 2426, NCDN. -4565

WANTED late model standard make used radios. Telephone 86149, 38488 office hours. Address Box 2399, NCDN. -4490

REFRIGERATORS, secondhand, working or stalled, are purchased at reasonable prices. Telephone 76990. -4524

WANTED to buy, secondhand clothing; suits, dresses, shoes, carpets, etc. 1129 Bubbling Well, Sun Avenue, House 51, telephone 33284, Mr. Corts. -4245

WANTED to purchase and for sale We purchase all kinds of blackwood highclass furniture, carpets, pianos, typewriters, radios, household effects, damaged metals and godown stock at a fair price. We also sell the abovementioned goods at the lowest prices. (Only a little profit is added on the cost of what we purchased.) Apply to the Chesterfield Art Secondhand Goods Store, 1469 Bubbling Well Road, telephone 36334. 11251

Personal

MR. Dino Kiriakulis is kindly requested to call during office hours at Commercial Brokerage Co., 209 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Room 308 or telephone 15956. -4664

YOUNG Chinese gentleman of good standing wishes to meet refined, young Chinese lady with view to matrimony. Highly educated. The advertiser is active and popular. Box 2472, NCDN. -4650

GENTLEMAN, independent (not refugee) wishes to meet broadminded, smart, young lady, for outings. Box 2454, NCDN. -4597

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Motor Cars and Cycles

WANTED, 1937/39 coupe or sedan. Apply 1.30-2.30, 1821A/4 Avenue Joffre. -4619

WANTED immediately, closed car, older model. Limit $1,500. Telephone 23588. -4649

RCA 6-tube motor-car radio. New. Beautiful tone $290. Radio Corporation of Asia, 361-3 Foch. Telephone 87777. -2318

BABY Ford sedan and coach 1934. Baby Ford coach 1933. Fiat Balilla 1934. Wolseley sedan 1934. Morris Minor 1931. All cars in best condition. Pacific Motors, 863 Avenue Foch, telephone 74500. -4539

IF you wish to buy, sell, exchange motor cars you cannot possibly lose by obtaining a proposition from Bills Motors, authorized Ford and Lincoln dealers. Thousands have been satisfied. Telephone 74400. 11131

FORD, perfect, 10 h.p. sedan, like new. Owner leaving. US$850 or nearest offer. Replies Box 2433, NCDN. -4567

FORD, 1936, 10 h.p. sedan. Excellent condition, US$500, for quick sale. Replies Box 2435, NCDN. -4567

CHAMPION Studebaker, almost new, owner leaving, US$1,100 for quick sale. Please write Box 2434, NCDN. -4567

BARGAIN. Plymouth sedan 1934, recently overhauled, reducoed, tyres like new, US$360. Owner leaving. Box 2418, NCDN. -4540

FOR SALE, Fiat 1932, 6-cylinder, four-door. Good condition. Telephone 71090, 1248-8 Rue Lafayette, from 12-6. -4554

AMERICAN Motors, Fed. Inc. U.S.A. 444 Avenue Foch, Telephone, 35646 specialize in good used cars. Pay us a visit and then compare our prices. Always a complete line in stocks. Open every evening until 7, and Sunday mornings. -11112

CASH for used cars and trucks. Jenny's Motors, 177 Amiral Courbet. Telephone 73165. -2063

FOR SALE. 1938 Ford V-8 deluxe club coupe, 85 horsepower. Excellent condition. 7,700 miles, entirely owner driven. Telephone Tenney, 11199 during office hours. 11387

Beauty Culture, etc.

Advertisements under this heading are carefully scrutinized before acceptance, and though no guarantee can be given readers may be reasonably assured of their bona fides.

LADY gives general and electric massage, by appointment, from 10-6. Telephone 85103. 169 Avenue Dubail, Apartment 34. -4374

LADY gives general massage, manicure 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road, Apartment 30. Second Floor. 11114

LADY gives massage from 2 to 9, 1225 Bubbling Well Road, Room 231, Telephone 34200. -2058

Lost

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned bills of lading have been lost or destroyed and they are therefore now declared null and void: B/L. No. 3A covering shipment of 43 pcs. camphor wood per ss. Changsha from Hankow to Shanghai on 6/2/36, voyage No. 812. B/L. No. 8A covering shipment of 32 pcs. camphor wood per ss. Woosung from Hankow to Shanghai on 8/5/36, voyage No. 1120. B/L. No. 2A covering shipment of 1 package camphor wood per ss. Shisi from Hankow to Shanghai on 19/4/36, voyage No. 1789. B/L. No. 40B covering shipment of 10 packages lumber per ss. Wusuieh from Hankow to Shanghai on 10/12/36. B/L. No. 42B covering shipment of 14 packages coffin wood per ss. Wusuieh from Hankow to Shanghai on 10/12/36. Yang Pei Tse. -4588

LOST: Shanghai Stock Exchange receipt No. 3009 covering fifty shares in the Metal Industry of China being part of certificate No. 631 registered in the name of Y. N. Courtney, shares numbered 18961/840. The above is hereby declared null and void. -4557

LOST, one stamped B/L. No. 3 issued by Toa Kaiun Kaisya, covering 300 tons of Keelung coal. ex ss. Tyosa Maru, Voyage No. 12, from Keelung. The above is hereby declared null and void. Yamashita Kogyo Kaisha. -4575

Radios

WANTED immediately, one radio receiver type Philips 288, 289A, 250A, or Telefunken all-wave, new/secondhand. Please communicate 286/28 Route Tenant de la Tour. -4634

BARGAIN, Philips radio, 7 tubes, all-wave. 497 Wei Hai Wei Road, 5 Yang Terrace, Room 6. -4676

ADVANCE samples newest Howard Radios just unpacked. Marvellous tone and shortwave. Prices well below market. American Radio Equipment Company, 55 Yuen-Ming-Yuen Road. 11458

RCA Console 99K, like new. Automatic push buttons. US$100. Replies Box 2436, NCDN. -4567

UNREPEATABLE bargains! 9-Victor Combination with automatic changer $960; 15-Philco US$200; 8-Philco AC.DC. $450; 5-Philco $180; 6-Universal $250, 7-General Electric $450. Universal Radio Co., 232 Nanking Road, Telephone 19225. 11108

RADIO O.K.? For minor repairs, cleaning, balancing, $3. Telephone 43383. Chang's Radio Corporation, 102 North Chekiang Road. -3986

RADIO repairs, every kind, promptly and pleasantly executed. Telephone 13750. Ask for Mr. Stewart. American Radio Equipment Co. Oldest, best-equipped in Shanghai. 11153

SPECIALISED short-wave tuning. Radio Corporation of Asia. Authorised RCA Service Station. 361 Avenue Foch, telephone 87777. -4489

Chinese Servants

WANTED capable middle-aged wash-amah, good mender and to assist with two children, live in. Telephone 32117. 11469

WANTED immediately, cook-boy and wife (coolie/wash-amah.) Must be recommended. Room and good wages. Box 2482, NCDN. -4692

WANTED, well-recommended wash-amah, for five afternoons per week. Apply to 119 Rue Massenet. 11469

HOUSE-BOY, cook-boy, honest, knows English, seeks position, well-recommended. Address Box 2466, NCDN. -4639

WANTED, cook-boy and wash/coolie amah. Living quarters provided. Reply to Box 2468, NCDN. -4642

EXCELLENT cook-boy, clean, honest, best cooking. Also wash-amah available immediately. Box 2458, NCDN. -4611

EXCELLENT cook-boy, knowledge of English/American cooking, speaking English well, many years' experience. Also baby-amah. Box 2471, NCDN. -4647

ADVERTISER recommends good, clean, economical cook-boy. Telephone Watton 12484. -4608

AMAH, clean, honest, speaks English, good with babies, fully recommended. Telephone 45537 between 12.30 and 2. 11438

73148 CENTRAL Employment Agency (British). Only one with 3,000 satisfied customers. Cooks, boys, amahs, chauffeurs, watchmen, housekeepers, telephone operators. -2618

72782. General Employment Agency. Reliable cooks, boys, amahs, chauffeurs. Foreign management. Quick service. 1272 Avenue Joffre. -4460

Animals

WANTED to buy a thoroughbred Cairn or West Highland terrier male pup. Telephone 75781, 12-2. -4561

PONY insurance is obtainable at moderate terms from Hugh Middleton & Co. (Insurance), Ltd. 45 Kiukiang Road. Telephone 16595. 11109

LOST. Strayed, Thursday, March 14, one brown, long-hair dachshund bitch, name Putzy, from 136 Tsongchow Road, Flat 5. Reward, if necessary. Please telephone 16573 during office hours or 36622 after 6. -4517

Office Cars

LIFT offered April 1, large closed car, vicinity Bubbling Well/Hart to Szechuen Road. Box 2463, NCDN. -4627

Rooms Without Board

TO LET room (bath). Bubbling Well Road, telephone 60003. -4623

TO LET, big, furnished room, for single person only. Telephone 83594. -4626

LARGE room with private bath, suitable for gentleman or married couple. For further particulars telephone 20561 between 10-12 noon. -4602

NICE, convenient rooms to let, per day only. Bubbling Well Road, Telephone 36593 from 1-3 p.m. -4675

FURNISHED, bright, south room, attached bathroom, in modern apartment on Seymour Road. Board optional. Reply Box 2476, NCDN. -4668

TO LET, one south room, furnished, all conveniences. For inspection, from 12 noon till 5 p.m. 17 Rue Chapsal. -4538

BIG nicely furnished room. Telephone, bath, all modern conveniences. For bachelor. Centre Concession. Telephone 82318. -4593

CENTRAL. Near Bund (south), big, furnished room. For bachelor. $75. Box 2416, NCDN. -4594

LARGE, south room, nicely furnished, private bath, steamheating, all modern conveniences. Also big room with balcony. 404 Avenue Joffre, Apartment 2. -4592

WELL-FURNISHED rooms of all sizes, available for immediate occupation. Apply 50 Route de Sieyes. -4390

Rooms with Board

969 Avenue Foch. Available immediately large double room with small verandah. Gardens, tennis, garage. Good food. Telephone manageress, 45433. -4657

COMFORTABLE furnished one/two rooms, private bath, in apartment. All conveniences, full board. 1215 Bubbling Well, Burlington Court 108, Apartment 6. -4626

FROM April 1, to let: flat of two large rooms, with board. 357 King Albert Apartments, Apartment 1. View from 10-12 and 2-5. -4526

355 Avenue Haig, corner of Tifeng Road, have large and small rooms. Telephone Mrs. Hedden 71163. -4546

FLAT, 3½ rooms, balcony, bathroom, hot-water. Suitable foreign family. With full board. 715 Avenue Petain. -4419

Holiday Resorts

STRAND Hotel, Peitaiho Beach, open for reservations. Apply to Mrs. M. Lisske, 10 Canal Road, Tientsin. -4584

Dancing

PROFESSOR Waldemar, famous teacher in ballroom, ballet, tap dances, gives private-class lessons, 1272 Avenue Joffre. -4459

Furnished Houses

TO LET, small, foreign house, two big, five small rooms, with bathroom and kitchen, furniture all new to be taken over. Apply House 10, Route Edan, corner Joffre and Rue Prosper Paris. -4614

Furnished Apartments

TO LET, rooms, flats, apartments, houses, furnished/unfurnished. Available immediately. General Commission Agency, 1272 Avenue Joffre. -4615

ONE large room, furnished flat. Bathroom, kitchen. Facing Bubbling Well. Apply 9 Sun Avenue, Bubbling Well. -4612

SELF-Contained apartment. bedroom, sitting-room and bath, comprising third floor of a private residence in best part of French Concession, to let to one or two bachelors. Breakfast if desired. Address Box 2411, NCDN. 11430

4-roomed luxury flat in best part of International Settlement, available. Rent £11. Furniture including grand piano to be taken over at US$1,000. Box 2443, NCDN. -4578

TO LET, two-roomed flat, with verandah in King Albert Apartments, bathroom, telephone, refrigerator, kitchen, available April 1. Reasonable rent. Responsible couple preferred. No rerugee. Address Box 2422, NCDN. -4544

Unfurnished Apartments

TWO-ROOMED flat, large and one small room, private bath, kitchen, steamheating, hot water, light. Great Western Road. Apply Mr. Greenwald, 159/3 Avenue Haig. -4637

TWO-ROOMED, unfurnished apartment, bath, kitchen, steamheated, hot water, available at once. Rent $200, including taxes, etc. Telephone 14336 between 9-12 noon. -4679

WILLING exchange one-roomed flat, best part French Concession against two-roomed flat. Telephone 74775. -4649

TWO-roomed flat, kitchen, bathroom, near Avenue Joffre, available April. New Central Trading Co., 2 Peking Road, Room 111. -4580

Houses and Land

WANT to buy, six/eight-roomed house with land about ½ mow. Location Bubbling Well district. Price between $60,000 to $70,000. Write Box 2430, NCDN. 11484

WANTED to buy or lease, large Chinese house with garden, vicinity Sinza Road. Box 2456, NCDN. 11446

WANTED to buy or for long lease, land with/without house. Address Box 2386, NCDN. -4464

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